

Let's discover our ORIGINS

From First Light to Life



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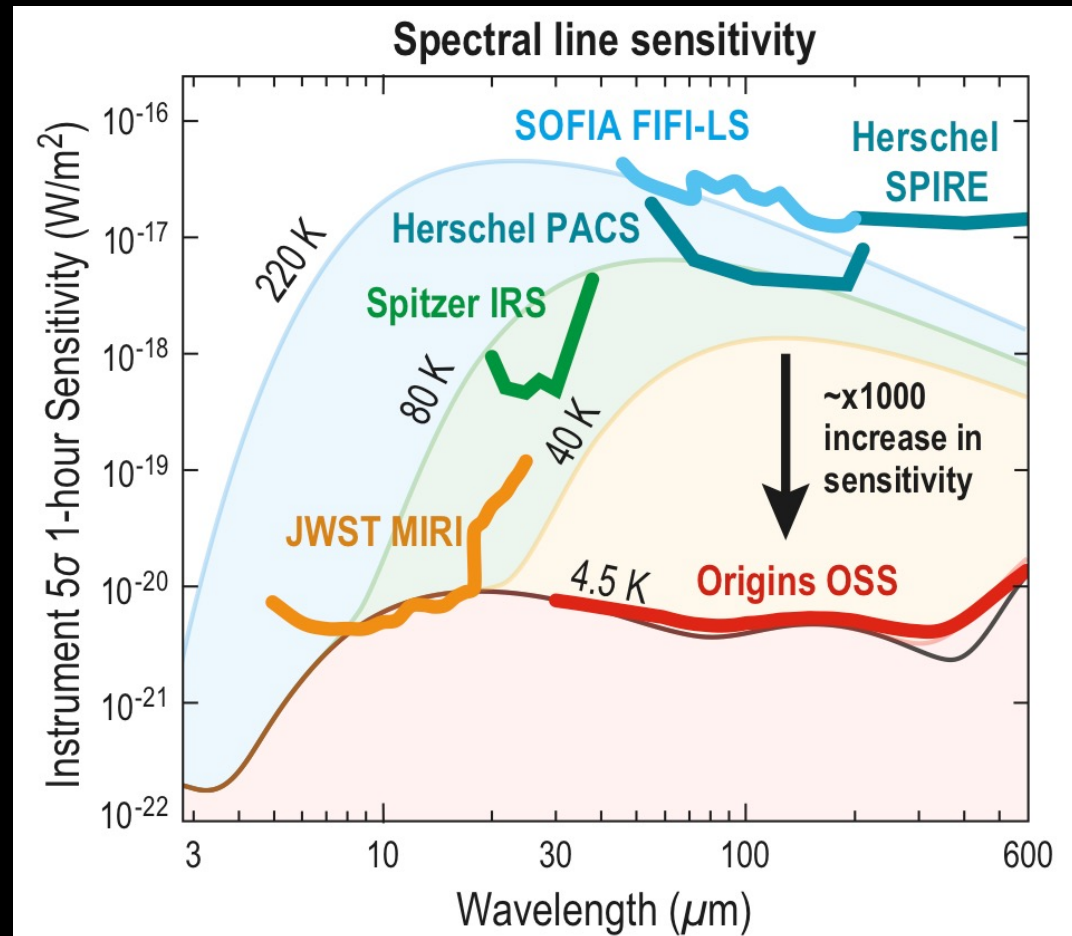


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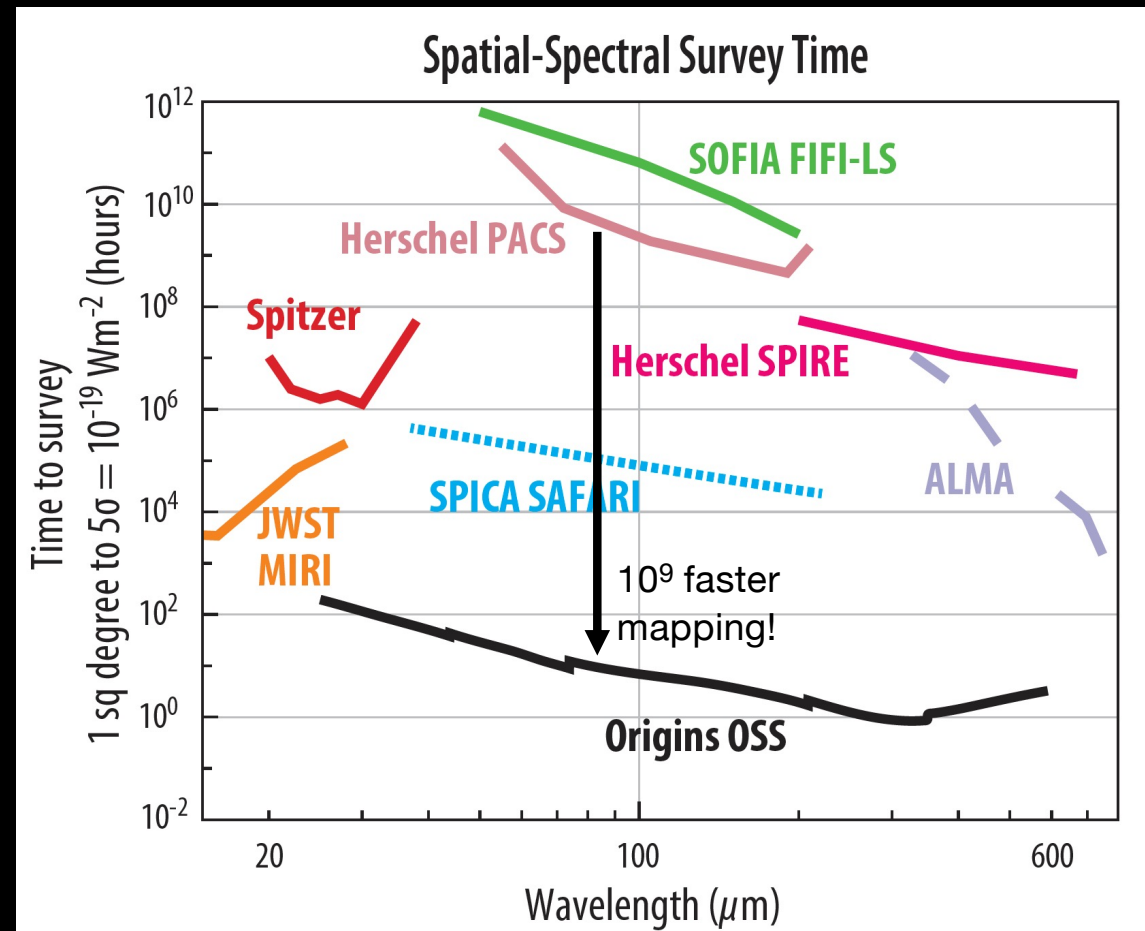


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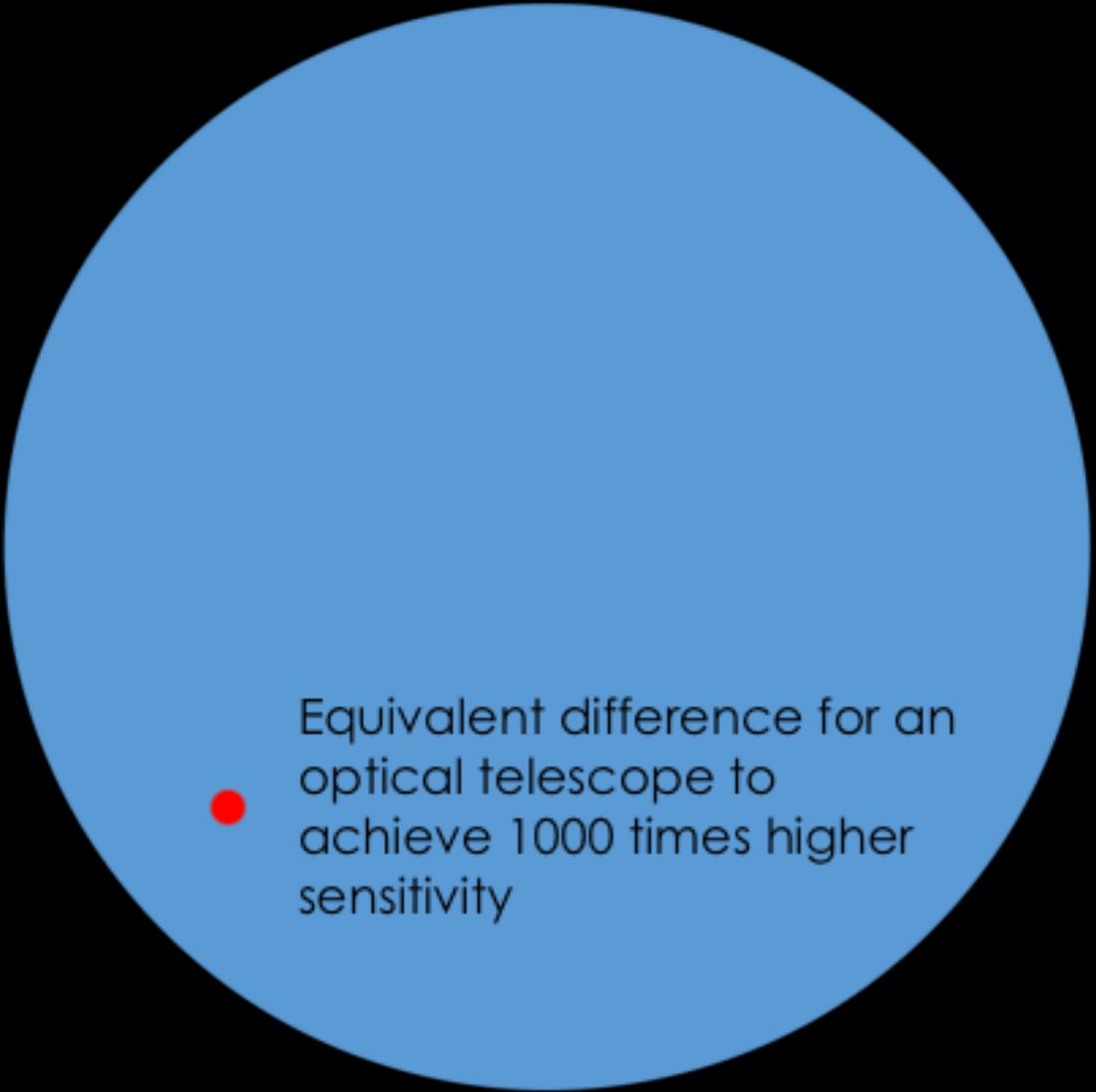


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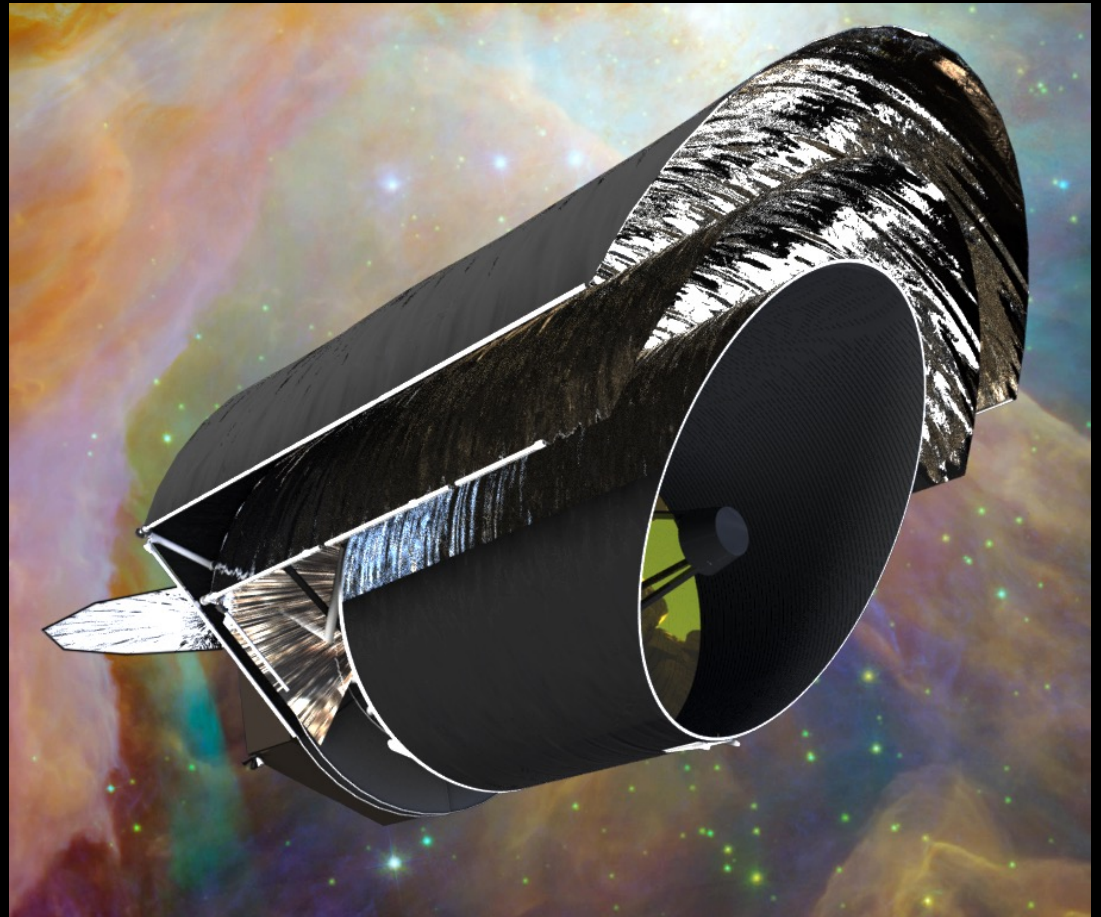
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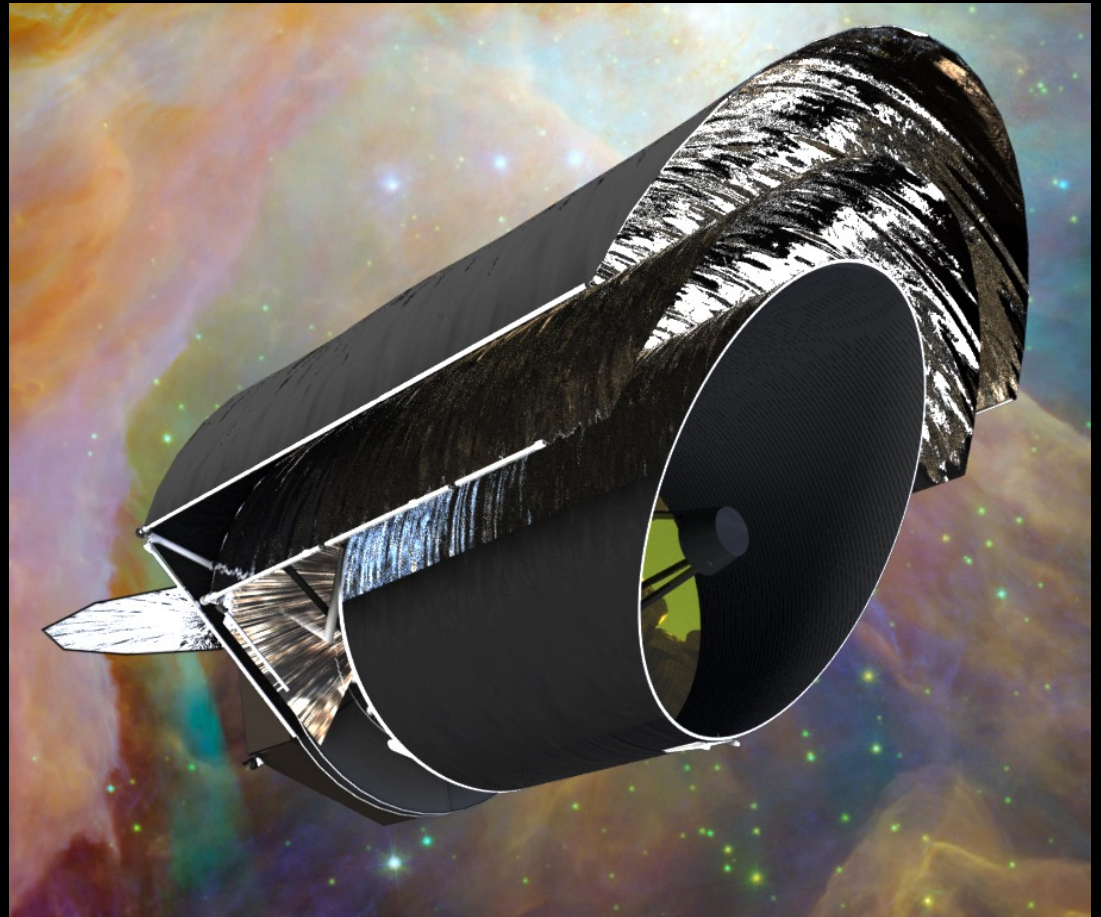


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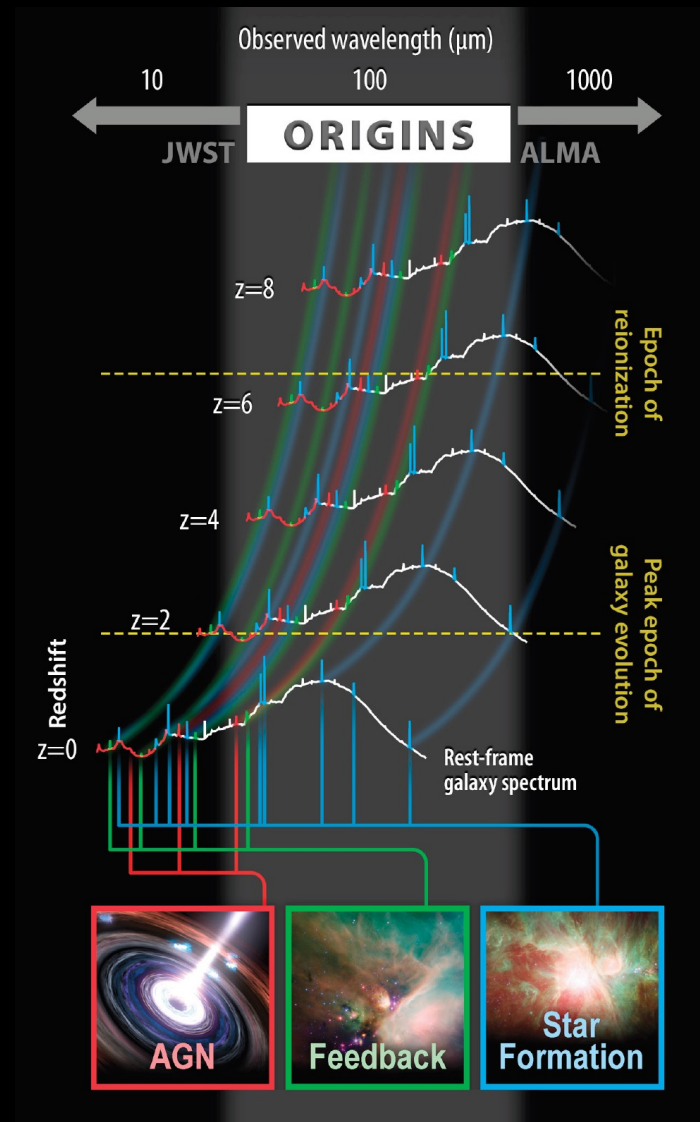


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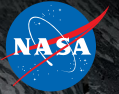
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- ★ *Key wavelength coverage* between JWST and ALMA
- ★ *Cannot be done from the ground*
- ★ *Simple architecture* with a *robust technology* development plan

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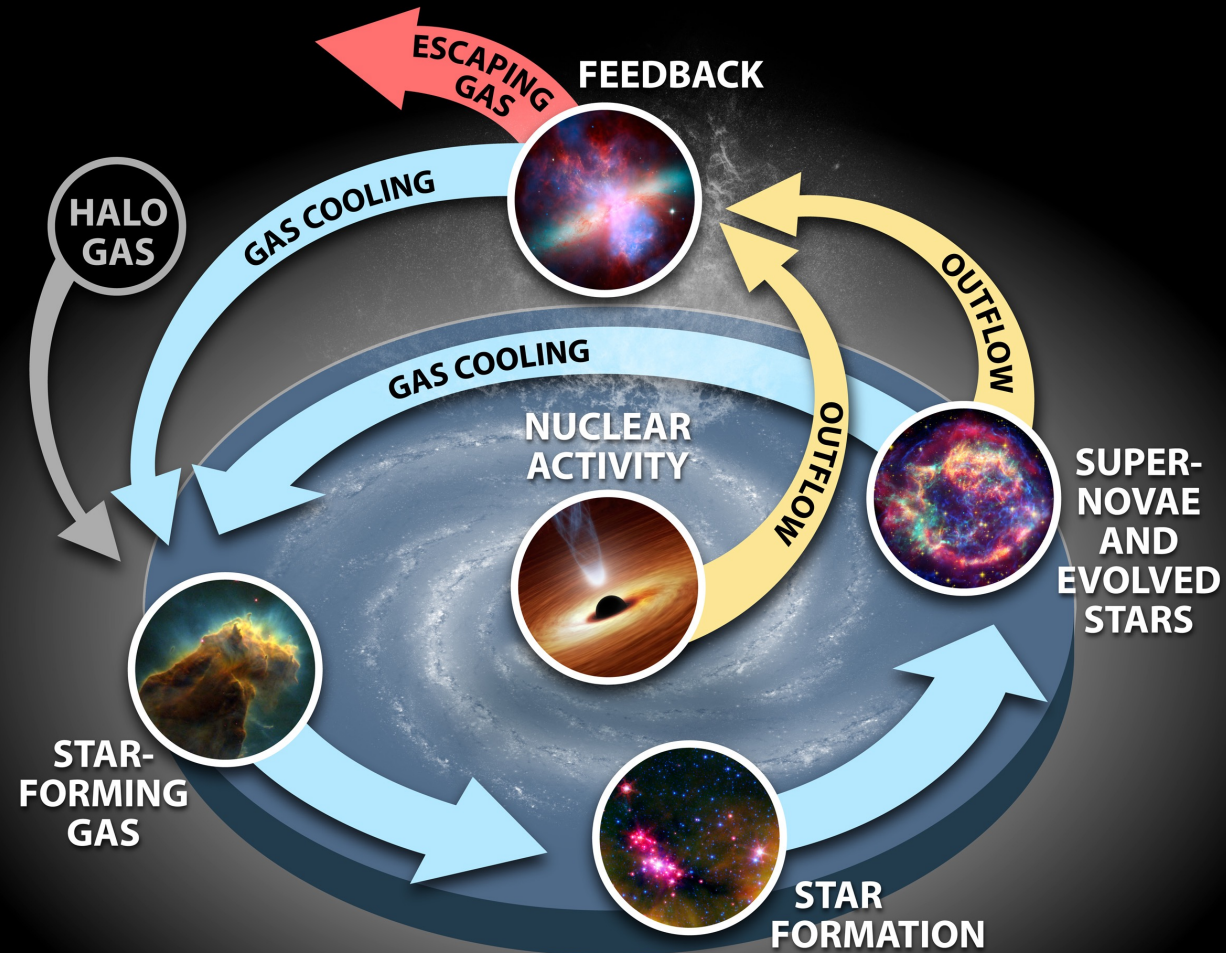


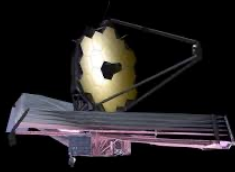
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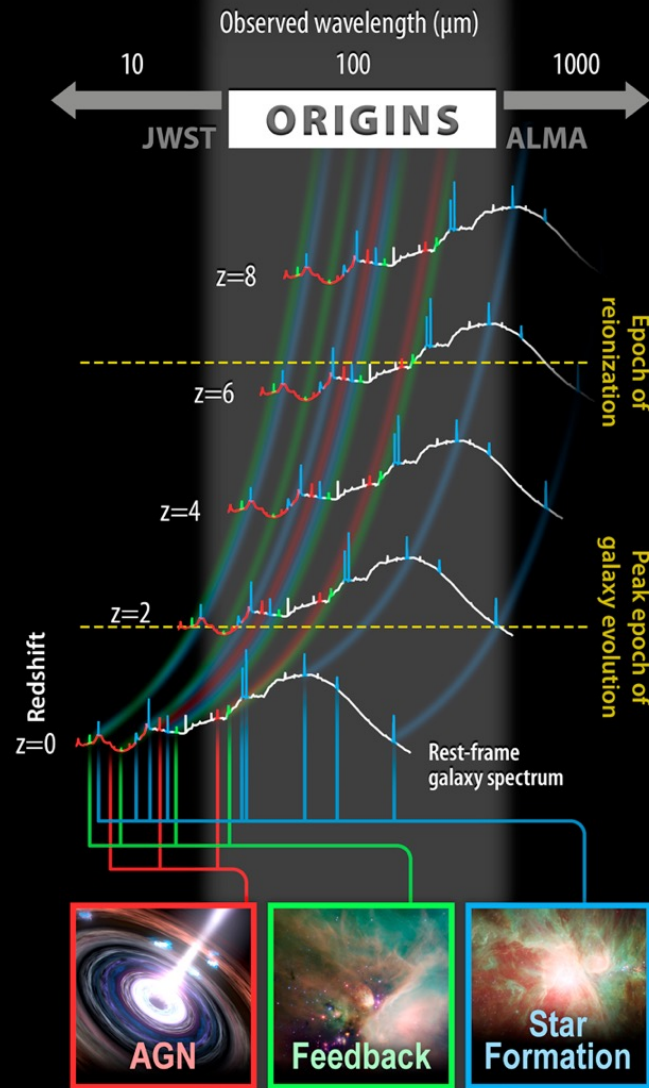


Origins probes galaxy ecosystems





- ★ Origins **simultaneously traces** AGN, Star Formation, and Feedback
- ★ **Covers the gap** from JWST to ALMA
- ★ Key diagnostics from the **local universe to the epoch of reionization**





Origins: 3D unbiased surveys of galaxies

★ **Spectra for millions of galaxies** over a few sq. degrees out to $z = 8$ in a 2000 hr blind survey





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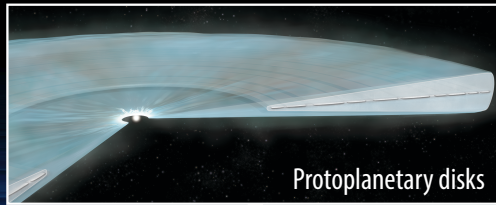
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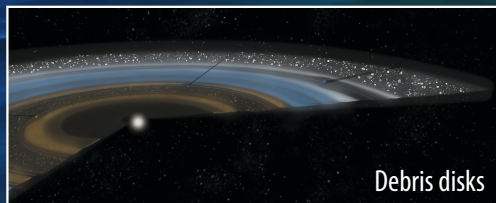
The Trail of Water



Protostars



Protoplanetary disks

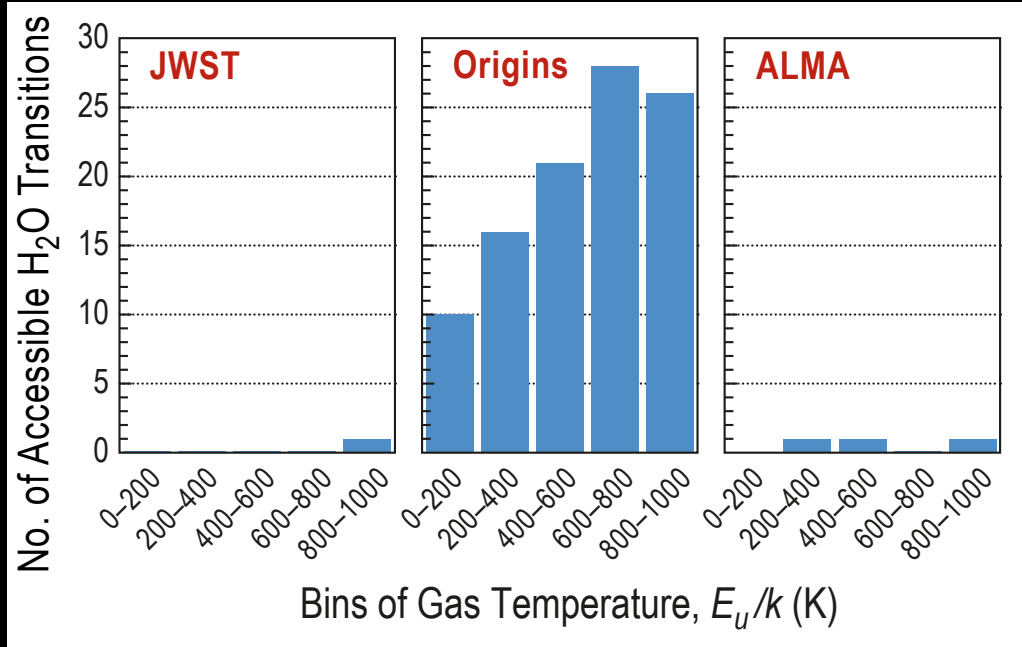


Debris disks



Our solar system

★ **Origins uniquely follows the trail of water,** from protostars, through disks, to objects in our own solar system.





TRACING WATER EMISSION IN DISKS

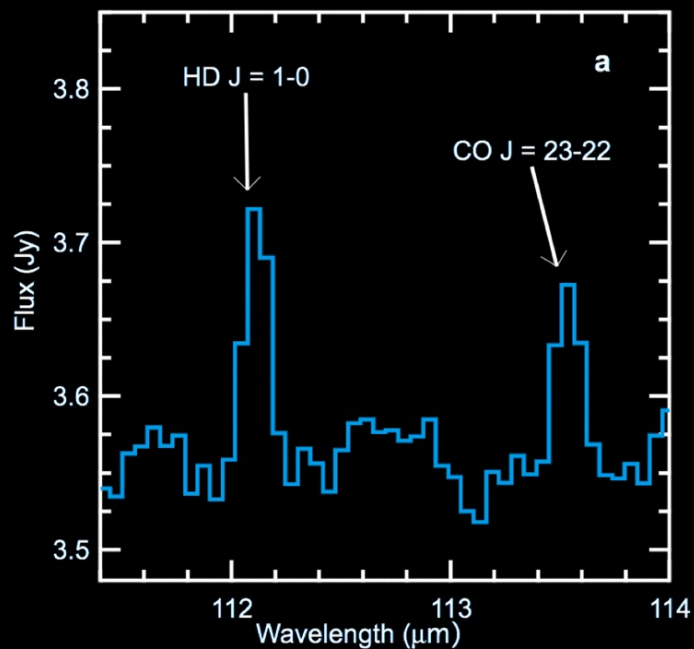
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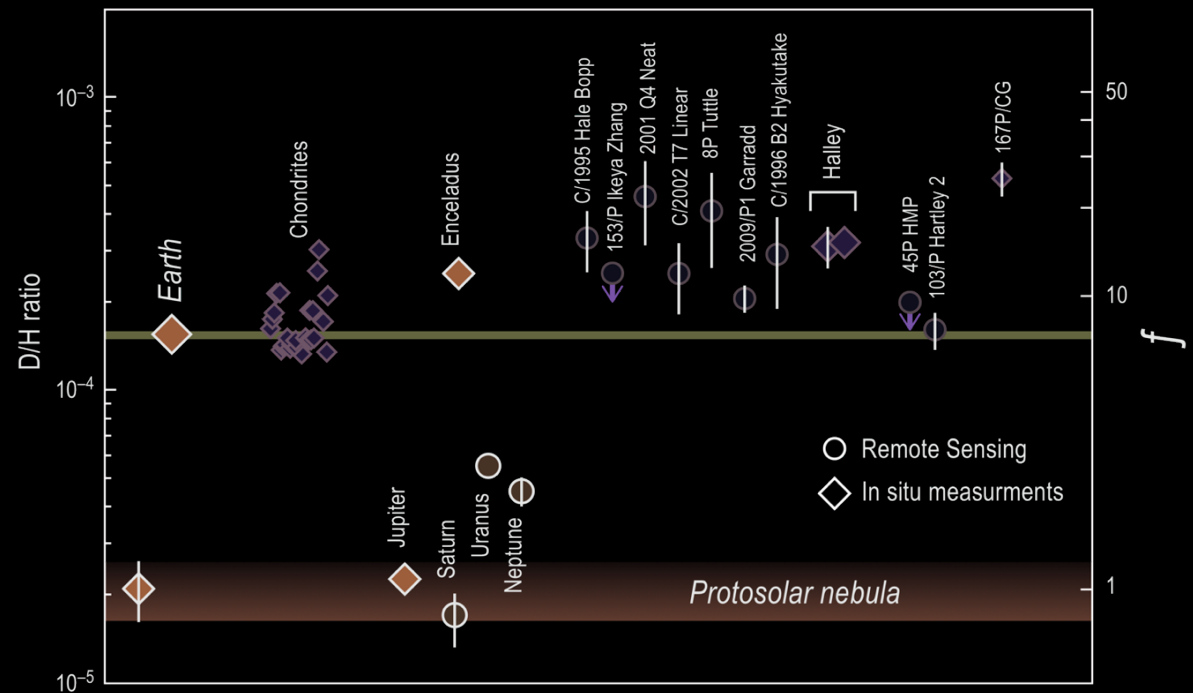
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★ Using HD, **Origins** can unambiguously trace 1000s of disks around **stars of all masses**

★ And study solar system objects to unveil the **origin of Earth's oceans**.



Bergin et al. 2013





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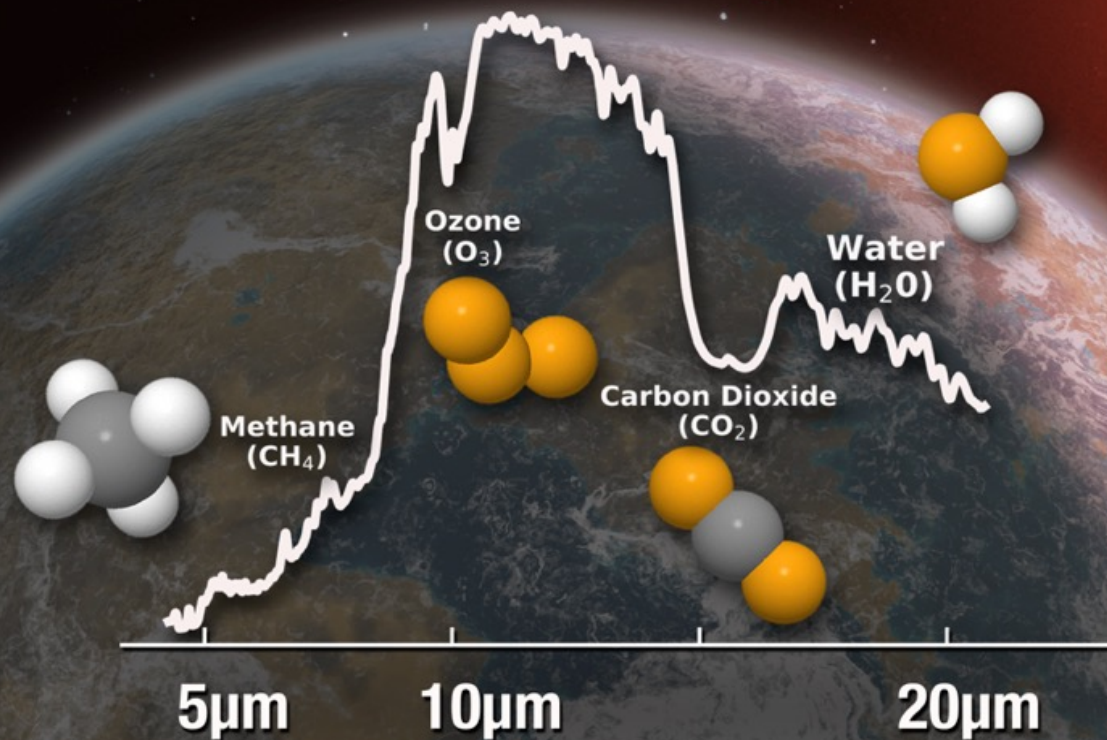
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Why M and K Dwarfs?

M and K dwarfs are **common**

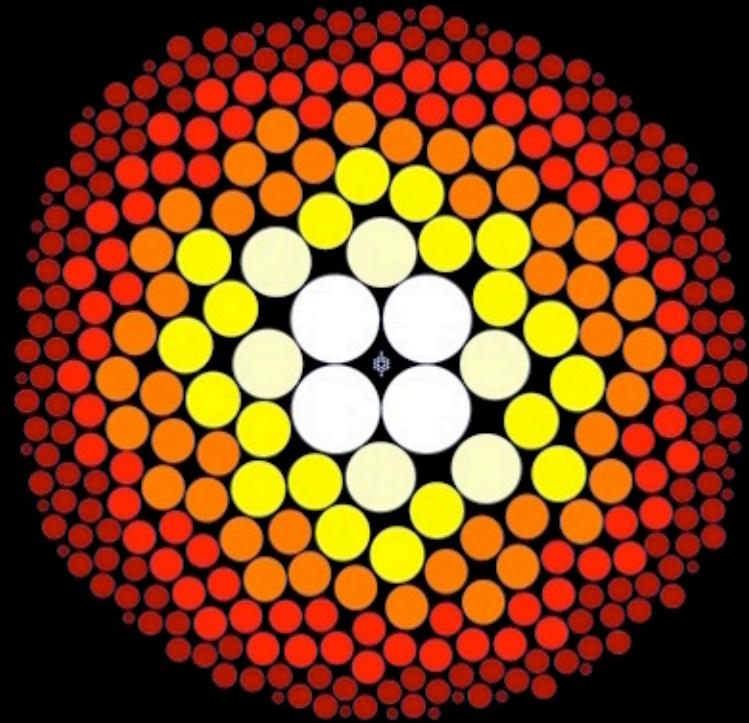
- 75% of stars within 15 pc are M dwarfs

Rocky planets are **common**

- Expect to detect about a dozen HZ exoplanets transiting mid-to-late M dwarfs within 15 pc
- Four such planets are already known (TRAPPIST-1d,e,f and LHS-1140b)

Advantages of small (rocky) planets transiting M dwarf stars

- **Larger transit depths**
- **Closer habitable zones (5 – 100 days)**
- **Increased transit probability in HZ**



T. Henry, RECONS Survey



Searching for life in Transiting Exoplanets





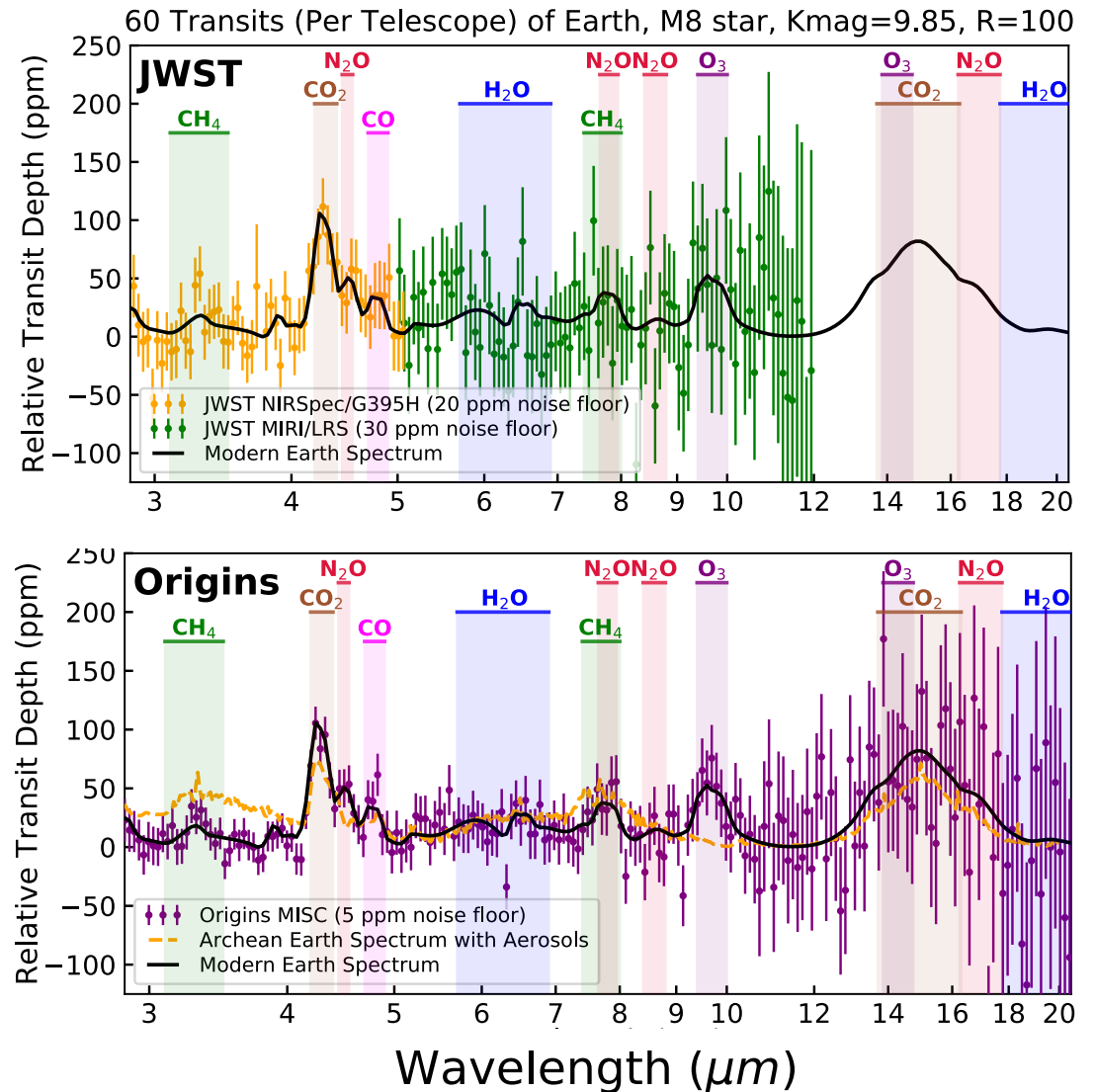
★ **Origins** will measure **key habitability indicators**

(may suggest presence of life, but can also be produced without life: e.g. H_2O , CO_2 , O_3 , CH_4 , N_2O alone)

★ And uniquely probe **biosignatures**

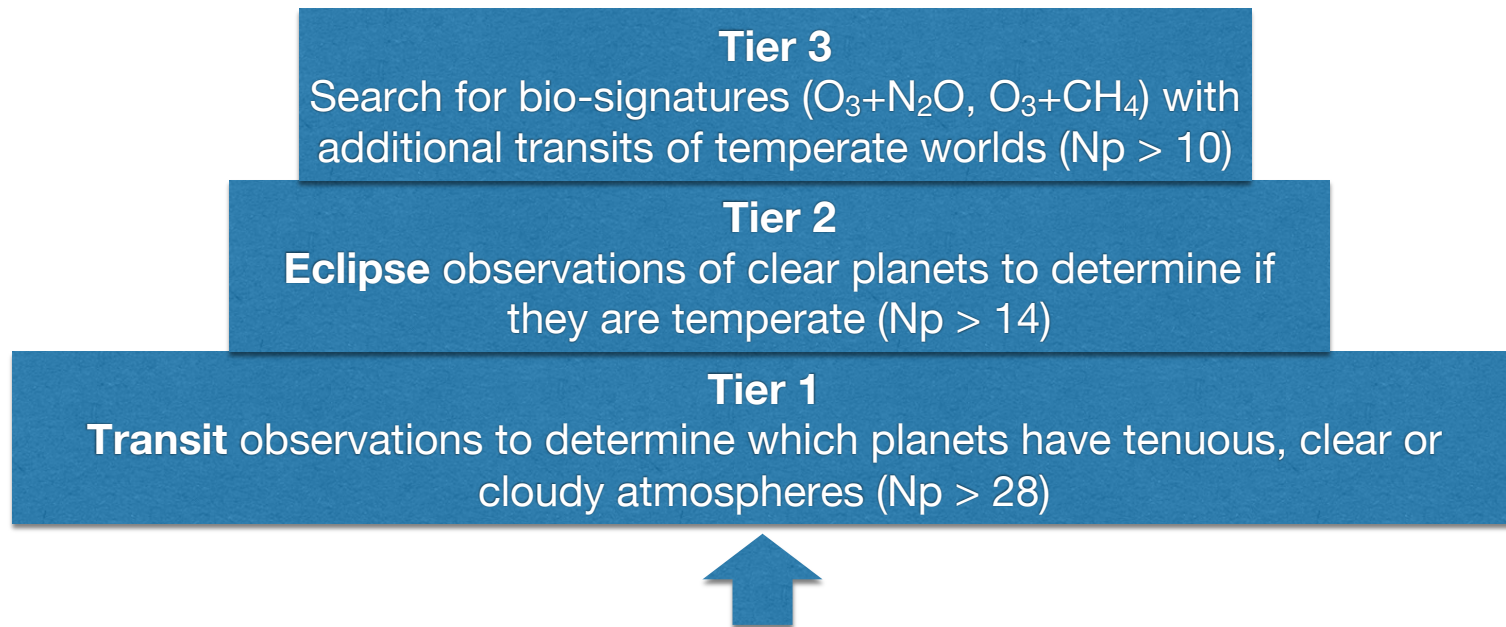
(a combination of molecules that can only be produced by life: e.g. $\text{O}_3 + \text{CH}_4$ or $\text{O}_3 + \text{N}_2\text{O}$)

toward Habitable Zone planets with Earth-like atmospheres transiting mid-to-late M dwarfs





Origins will use a multi-tiered strategy to **search for life**



Pre-select terrestrial M-dwarf planets based on: (i) Planet radius and equilibrium temperature.
(ii) Relative rank based on suitability for detailed atmospheric characterization.
(iii) Pre-Origins observations with JWST, ELTs etc.



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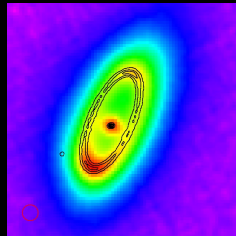
Infrared: Unanticipated Discoveries with every new facility

Significant gain in sensitivity has resulted in unanticipated discoveries!

1980s



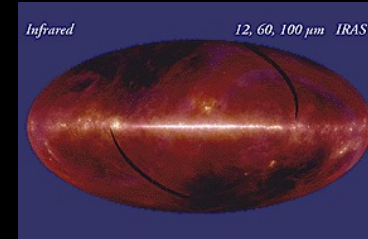
IRAS



debris disks



IR-bright galaxies



cirrus, dust bands, Earth trailing dust

2000s



Spitzer

The Seven Wonders
of TRAPPIST-1



multi-planet systems



*asteroidal dust rain
on white dwarfs*

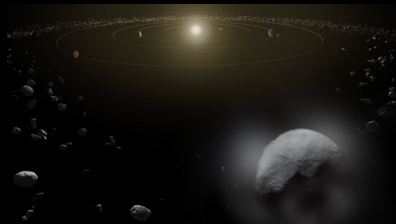


*In-falling gas in
galaxy groups
cool via H₂*

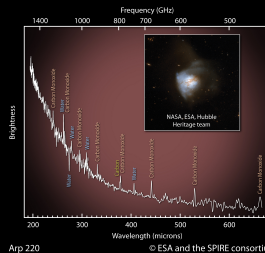
2010s



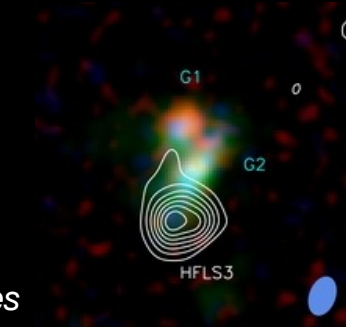
Herschel



Water vapor around Ceres



Water line cooling in galaxies

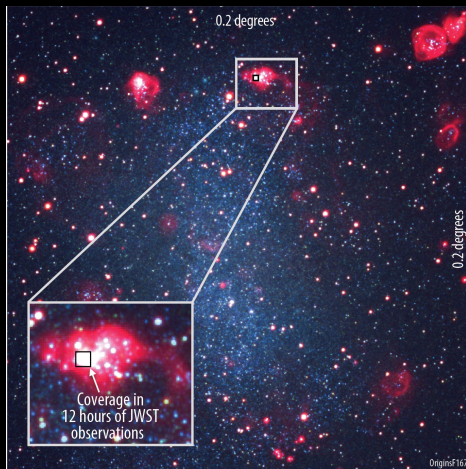


*Extraordinarily
massive, starbursting
galaxies ~800 Myr
after Big Bang*



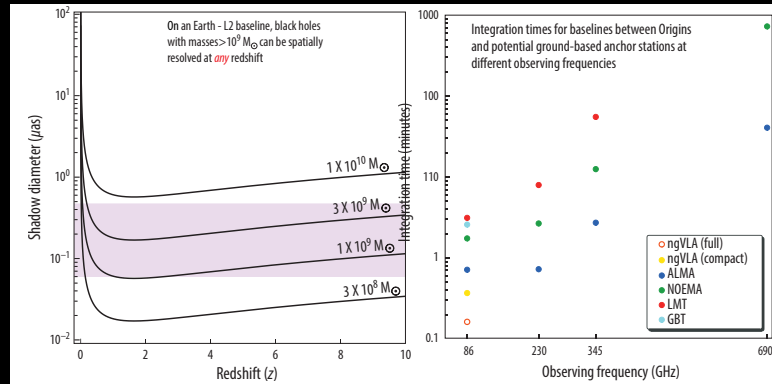
Discovery Space of Origins

Expectations from modern astrophysics

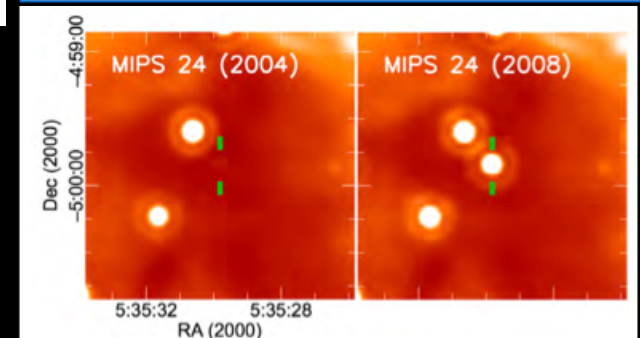
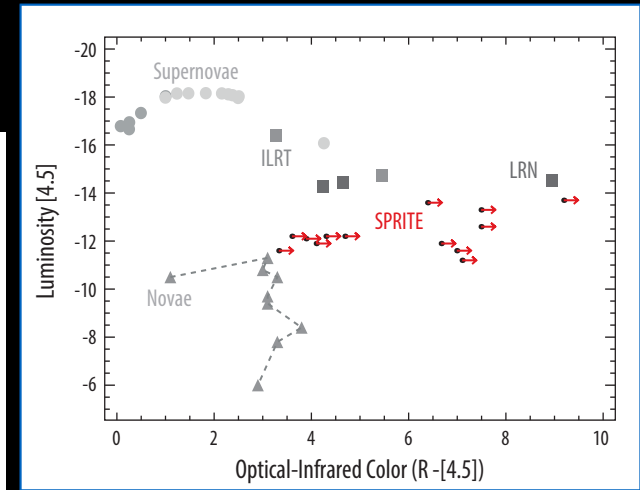
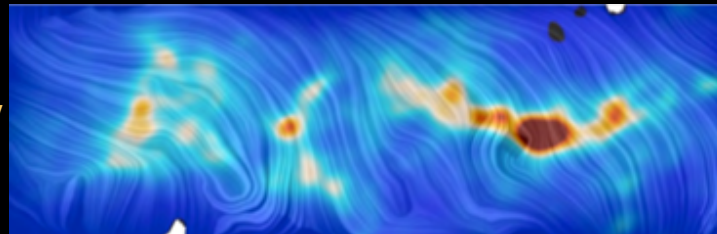


Origins provides a $\sim 100\times$ field of view for **H_2 mapping in near-by galaxies** (vs JWST)

2" & 9" scale maps **of ISM dust polarization** to bridge Planck (2') & ground (1")

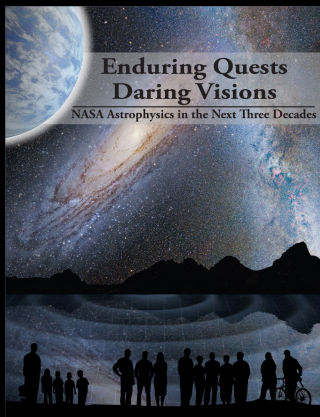


Origins can be used as a uniquely valuable baseline in the Event Horizon Telescope.
An Origins upscope can resolve blackholes above 10^9 Msun throughout the full cosmic history



Time domain: Top (mid-IR): SPRITES, GW Counterparts. Bottom (far-IR): proto-stellar accretion

And lots and lots more!

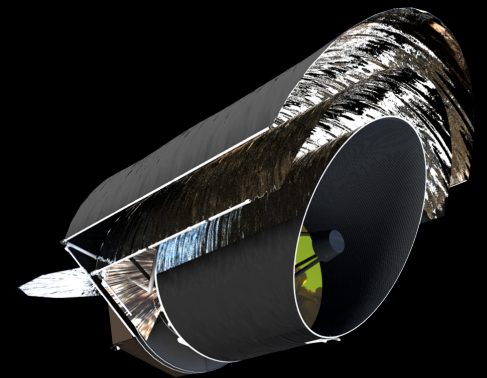


Through the **Astrophysics Roadmap**, the **community** expressed interest in a “Far-IR Surveyor” mission.

**From the community,
by the community,
for the community**



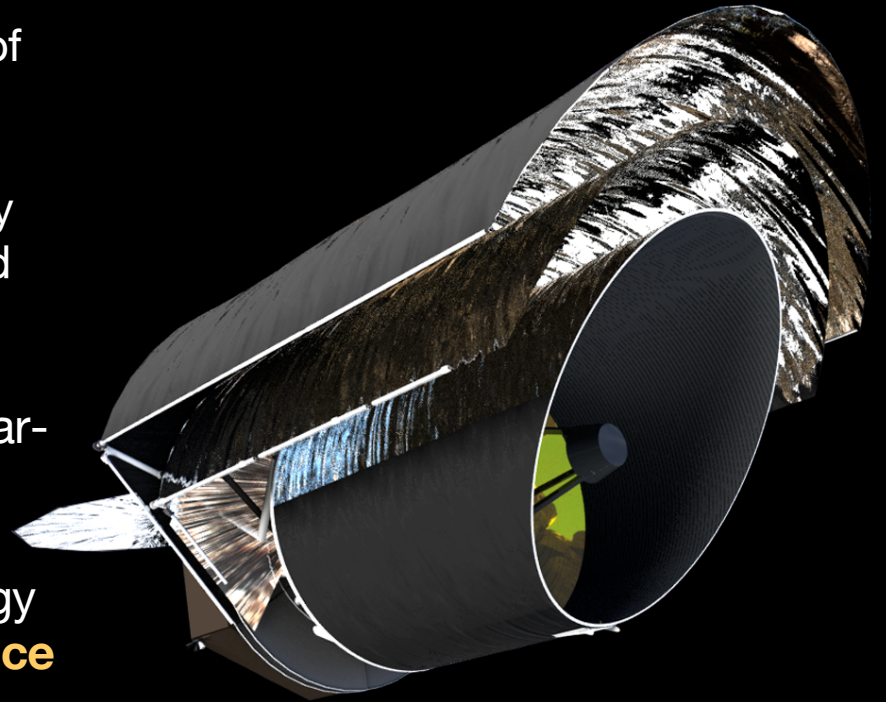
The Origins Science and Technology Definition Team engaged 100s of members of **the international scientific community** and **guided the development** of the mission concept

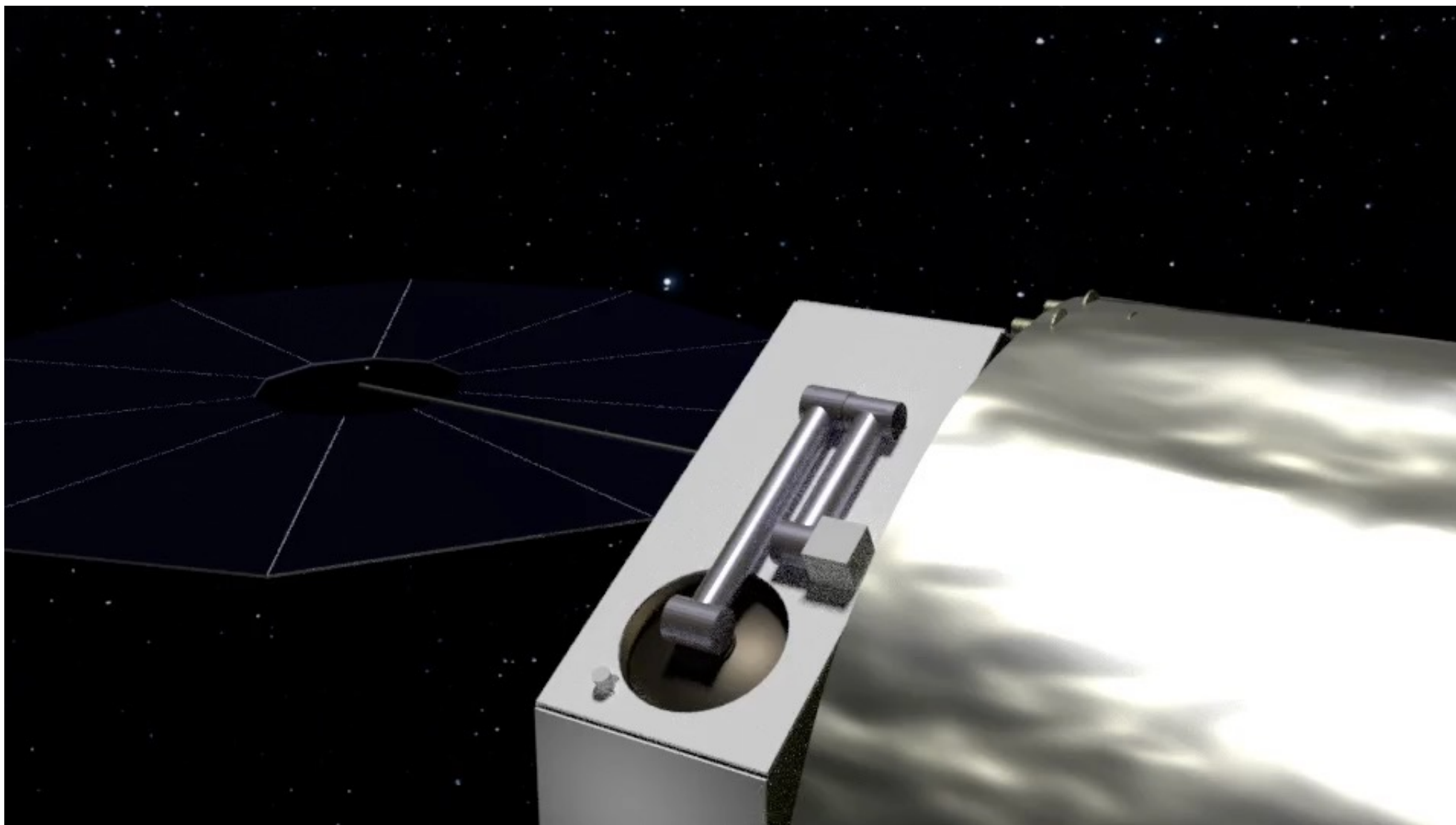


Guest Observers will use Origins to answer mission-driving science questions and make unexpected, transformative discoveries.

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- ★ **Broad range of scientific studies**, from Solar system to primordial gas cooling prior to the era of reionization.
- ★ **Efficient 3D spectroscopic mapping** enabled by wide area field of view (e.g., WFIRST vs. HST) and fast scan speed (e.g., Herschel/Planck)
- ★ Enabled by a **1000x gain in sensitivity** in the far-IR relative to anything before.
- ★ Advances in detector and cryocooler technology are opening up **unprecedented discovery space** in a **simple and robust technology**
- ★ **Key wavelength coverage** between JWST and ALMA and **cannot be done from the ground**





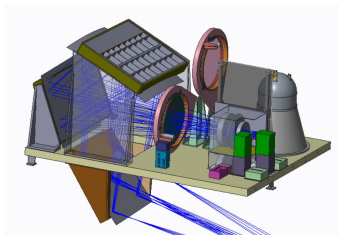
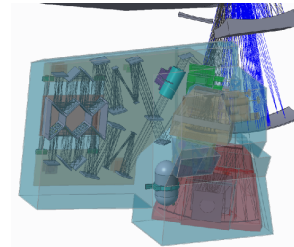
Backup

Origins: Three Instruments



OSS: Origins Survey Spectrometer

- 25-588 μm $R \sim 300$, ***survey mapping***
- 25-588 μm $R \sim 43,000$, ***spectral surveys***
- 100-200 μm $R \sim 325,000$, ***kinematics***

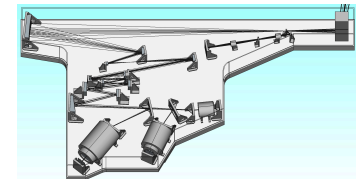


FIP: Far-infrared Imager Polarimeter

- 50 or 250 μm , ***Large area survey mapping***
- 1.75" @ 50 8.75" @ 200 PSF/FWHM
- 50 or 250 μm , ***polarimetry***

MISC-T: Mid-Infrared Spectrometer Camera Transit

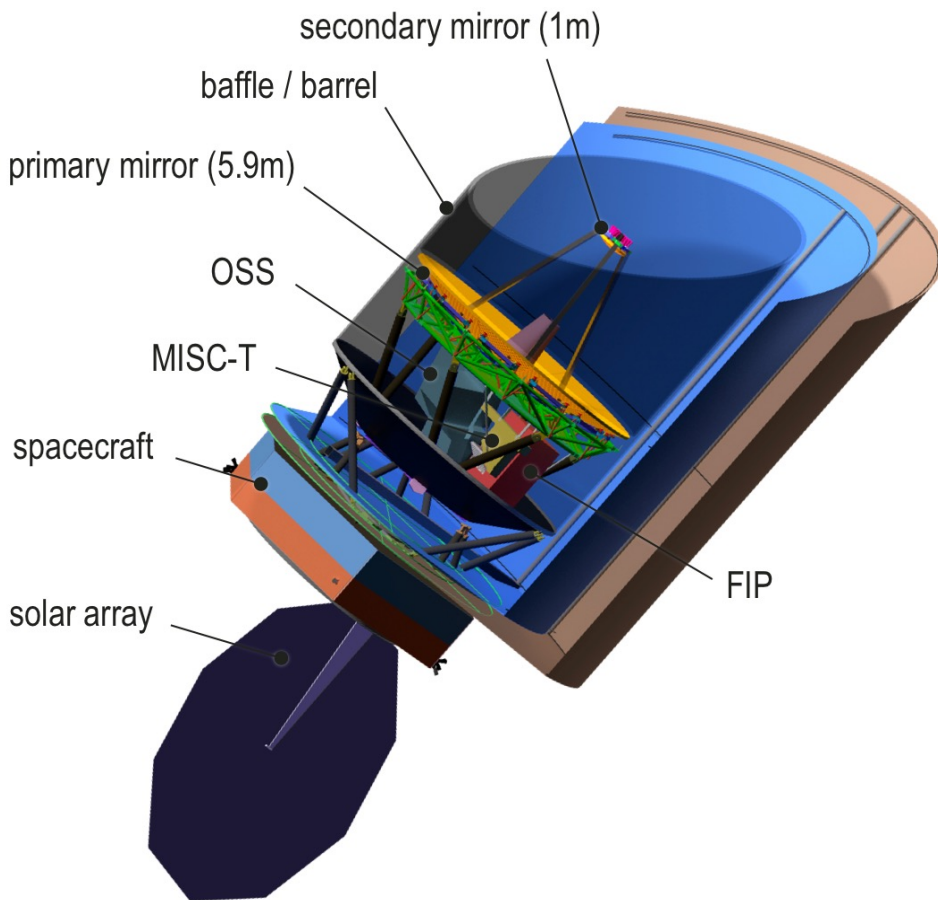
- ***Ultra-Stable Transit Spectroscopy***
- 2.8-20 μm $R \sim 50-295$



Three instruments

Table 4: Instrument Capabilities Summary

Instrument/ Observing Mode	Wavelength Coverage (μm)	Field of View (FOV)	Spectral Resolving Power ($R=\lambda/\Delta\lambda$)	Saturation Limits	Representative Sensitivity 5σ in 1 hr
Origins Survey Spectrometer (OSS)					
Grating	25 $\frac{3}{4}$ 588 μm simultaneously	6 slits for 6 bands: 2.7' x 1.4" to 14' x 20"	300	5 Jy @ 128 μm	$3.7 \times 10^{-21} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ @ 200 μm
High Resolution	25 $\frac{3}{4}$ 588 μm with FTS	Slit: 20" x [2.7" to 20"]	43,000 '[112 $\mu\text{m}/\lambda$]	5 Jy @ 128 μm	$7.4 \times 10^{-21} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ @ 200 μm
Ultra-High Resolution	100 $\frac{3}{4}$ 200 μm	One beam: 6.7"	325,000 '[112 $\mu\text{m}/\lambda$]	100 Jy @ 180 μm	$\sim 2.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ @ 200 μm
Far-IR Imager Polarimeter (FIP)					
Pointed	50 or 250 μm (selectable)	50 μm : 3.6' x 2.5' 250 μm : 13.5' x 9' (109 x 73 pixels)	3.3	50 μm : 1 Jy 250 μm : 5 Jy	50/250 μm : 0.9/2.5 μJy Confusion limit 50/250 μm : 120 nJy/1.1 mJy
Survey mapping	50 or 250 μm (selectable)	60" per second scan rate, with above FOVs	3.3	50 μm : 1 Jy 250 μm : 5 Jy	Same as above, confusion limit reached in 50/250 μm : 1.9 hours/2 msec
Polarimetry	50 or 250 μm (selectable)	50 μm : 3.6' x 2.5' 250 μm : 13.5' x 9'	3.3	50 μm : 2 Jy 250 μm : 10 Jy	0.1% in linear and circular polarization, $\pm 1^\circ$ in pol. Angle
Mid-Infrared Spectrometer Camera Transit Spectrometer (MISC-TRA)					
Ultra-Stable Transit Spectroscopy	2.8 $\frac{3}{4}$ 20 μm in 3 simultaneous bands	2.8–10.5 μm : 2.5" radius 10.5–20 μm : 1.7" radius	2.8–10.5 μm : 50–100 10.5–20 μm : 165–295	K~3.0 mag 30 Jy @ 3.3 μm	Assume K~9.85 mag M-type star, $R=50$ $\text{SNR}/\sqrt{\text{hr}} > 12,900$ @ 3.3 μm in 60 transits with stability ~ 5 ppm < 10.5 μm , ~ 20 ppm > 10.5 μm



Origins:

Spitzer-like low-risk design

Wavelength coverage: 2.8-588 μm

Telescope:

diameter: 5.9 m

area: 25 m^2 (=JWST area)

diffraction-limit: 30 μm

temperature: 4.5 K

Cooling: long-life cryo-coolers

Agile Observatory for surveys: 60" / second

Launch Vehicle:

Large, SLS Block 1, Space-X BFR

Mission: 10 year propellant, serviceable

Orbit: Sun-Earth L2



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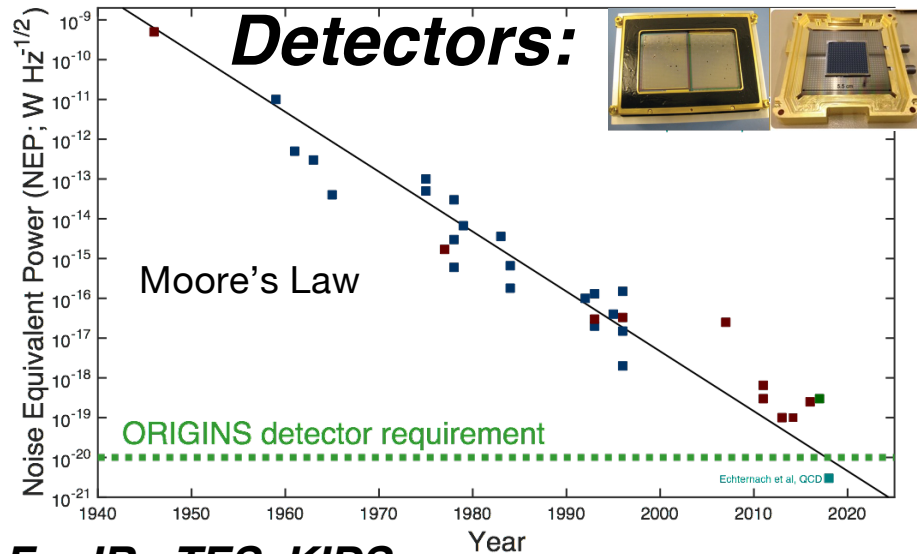
Observatory Integration and Testing is Simplified

Compared to JWST :
- **fewer deployments**
- modular design

Uses existing test facilities:

-re-uses Johnson Space flight Center Chamber A: end-to-end, “test as you fly”

Far-IR: TES or KIDS



Far-IR: TES, KIDS

improved sensitivity: $3 \times 10^{-20} \text{ W/Hz}^{1/2}$

state of the art: $10^{-19} \text{ W/Hz}^{1/2}$

increase array size: 10^4 pixels

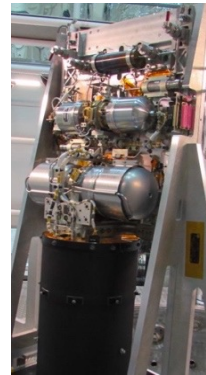
state of the art: 3000 pixels

Mid-IR: HgCdTe, Si:As, TES

improved relative spectral stability, 5 ppm

state of art: 20-50 ppm

Origins: Key Technologies are on track



NGAS JWST/MIRI



SHI Hitomi/SXS

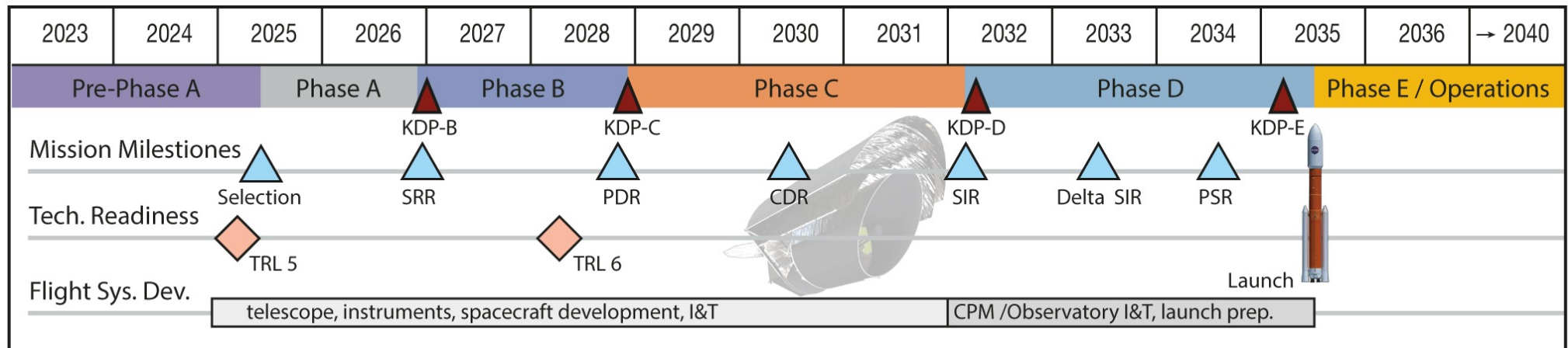
Cryocoolers:

-4.5 K: Thanks MIRI/JWST + Hitomi!

-50 mK: NASA Dev.

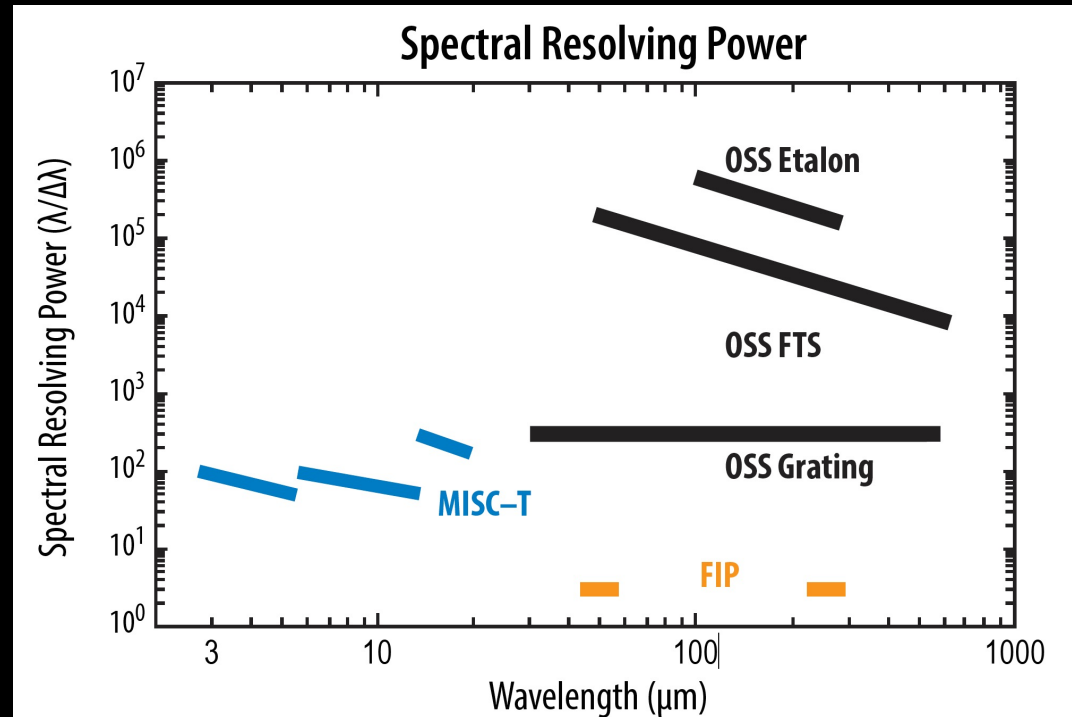
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Simpler Design = Shorter Timeline

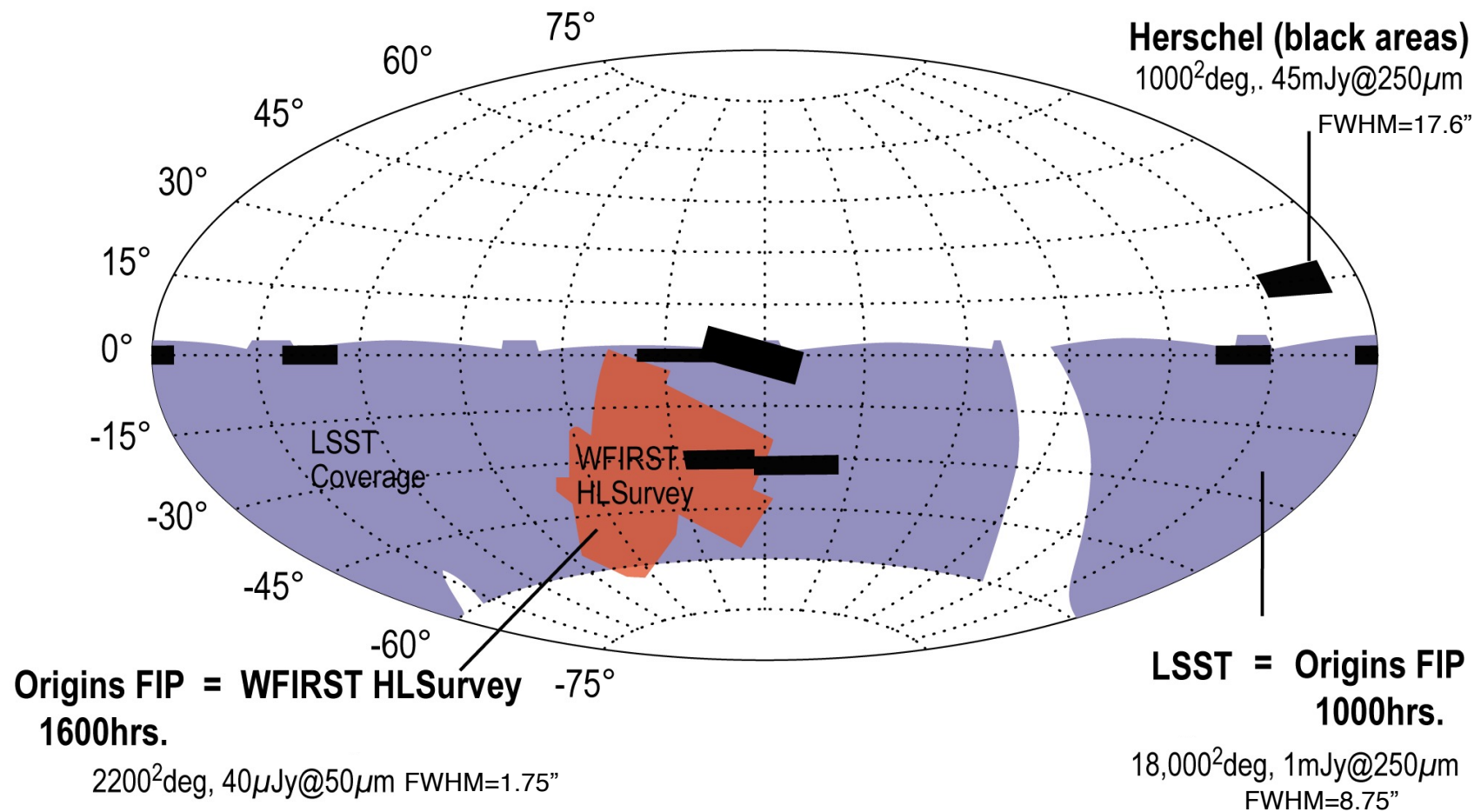




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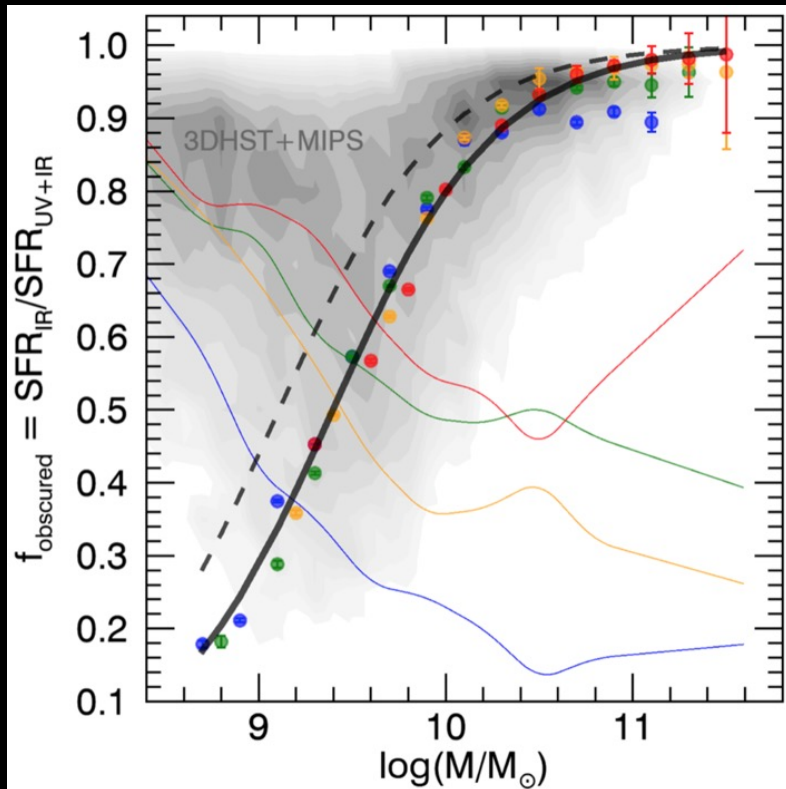


Origins/FIP Surveys LSST and WFIRST Areas

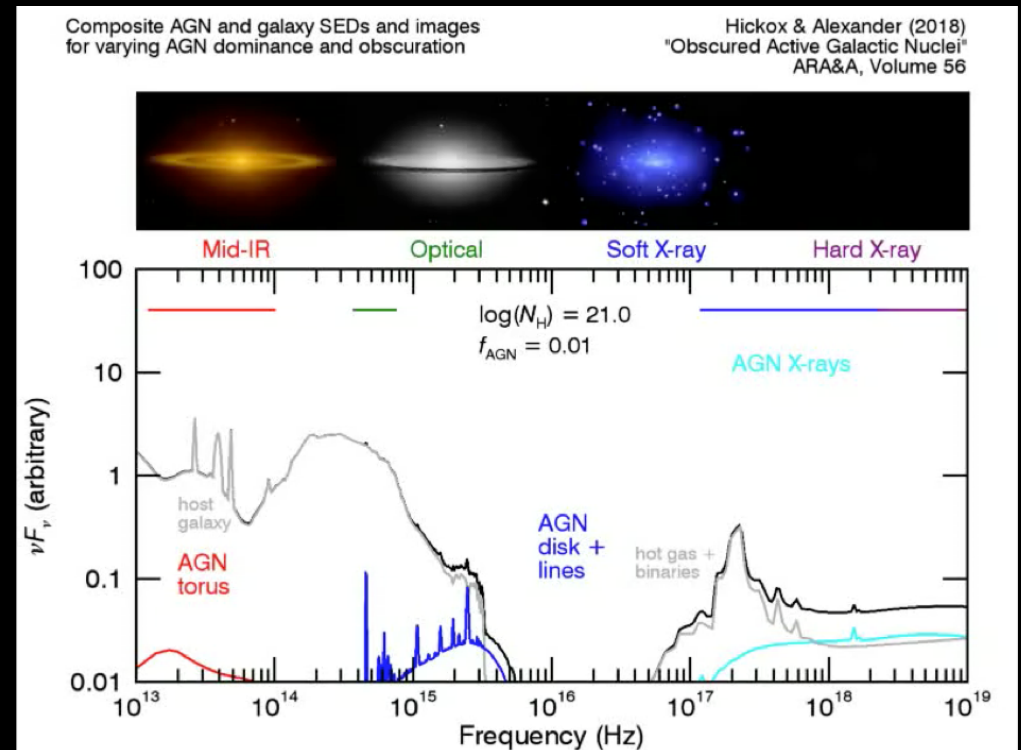




Star Formation and AGN growth are heavily obscured by dust in galaxies



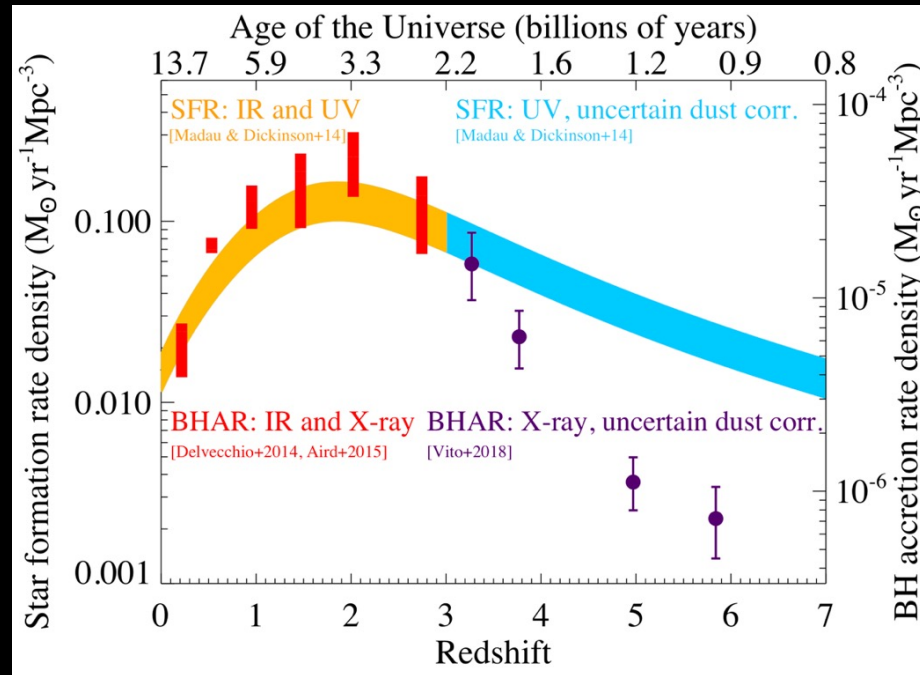
Whitaker et al. 2017



Hickox & Alexander 2018

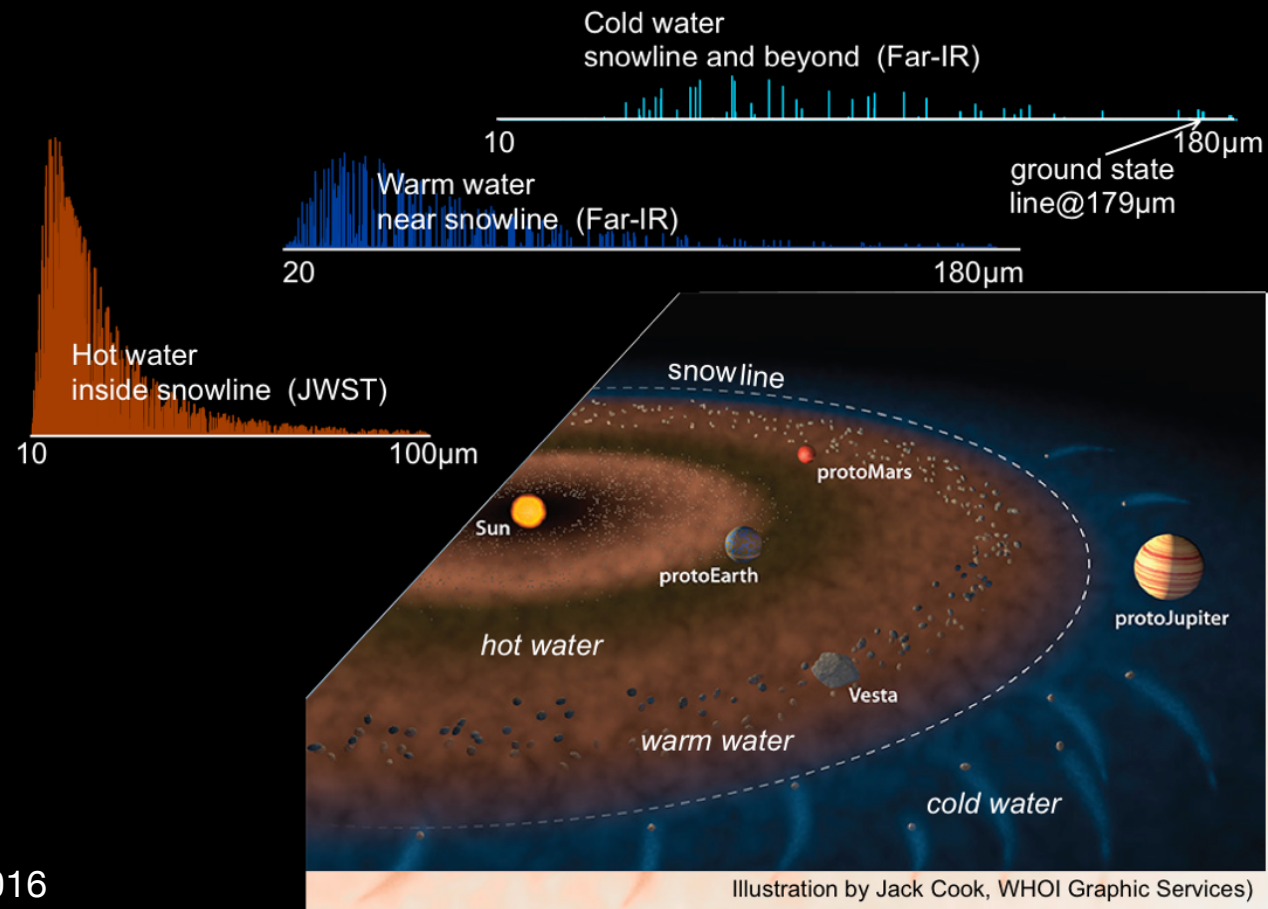


Relative growth of stars and supermassive black holes in galaxies is relatively uncertain over cosmic time





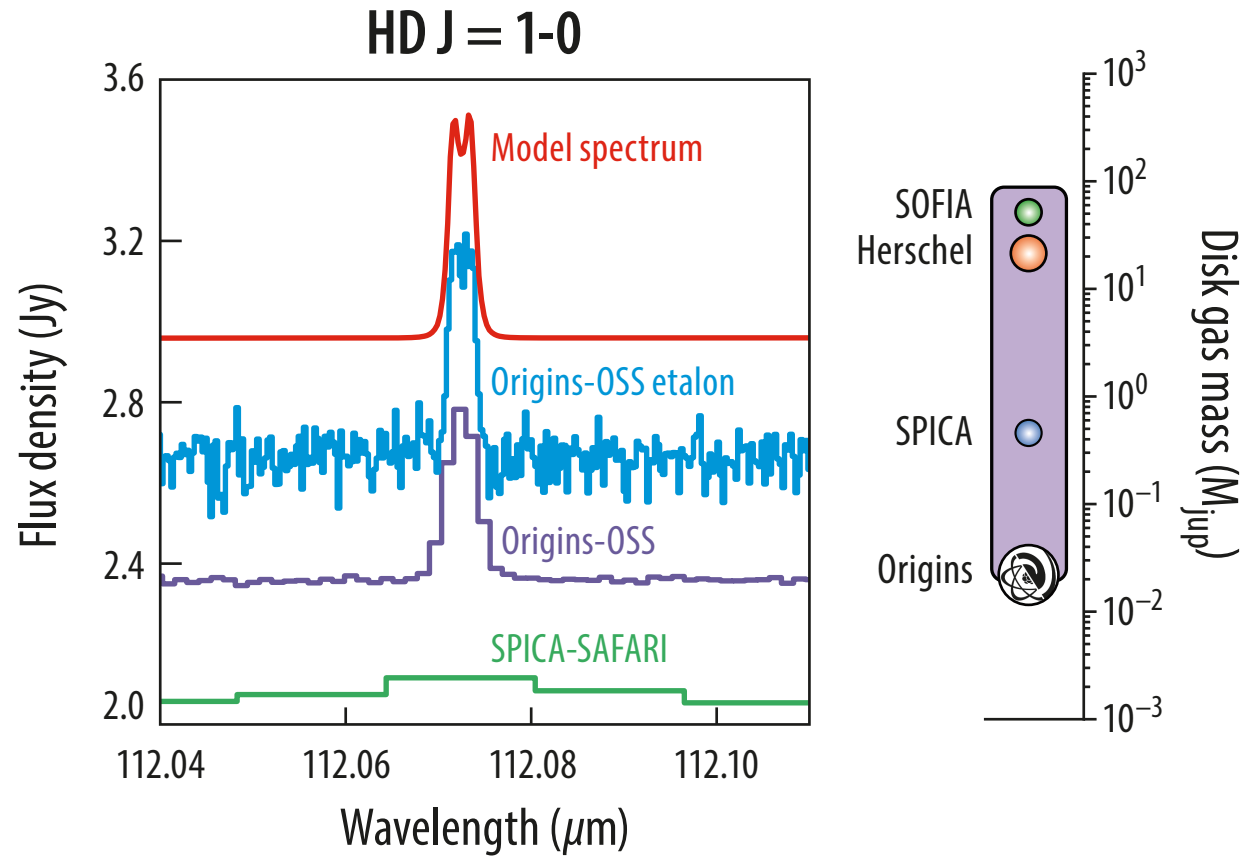
The Water Spectrum is a Temperature Distribution



Blevins et al. 2016

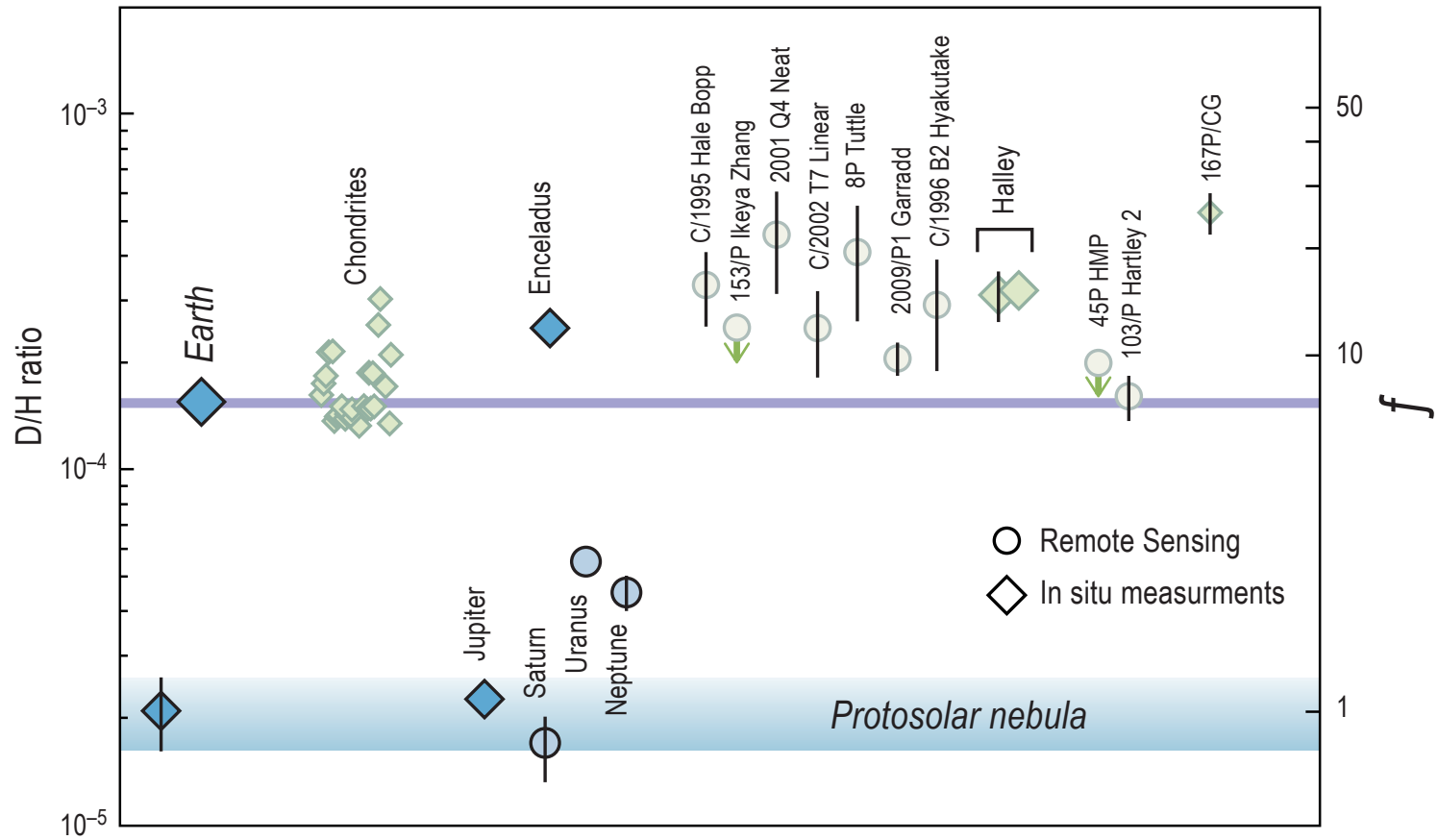


Origins measures gas mass of planet forming disks



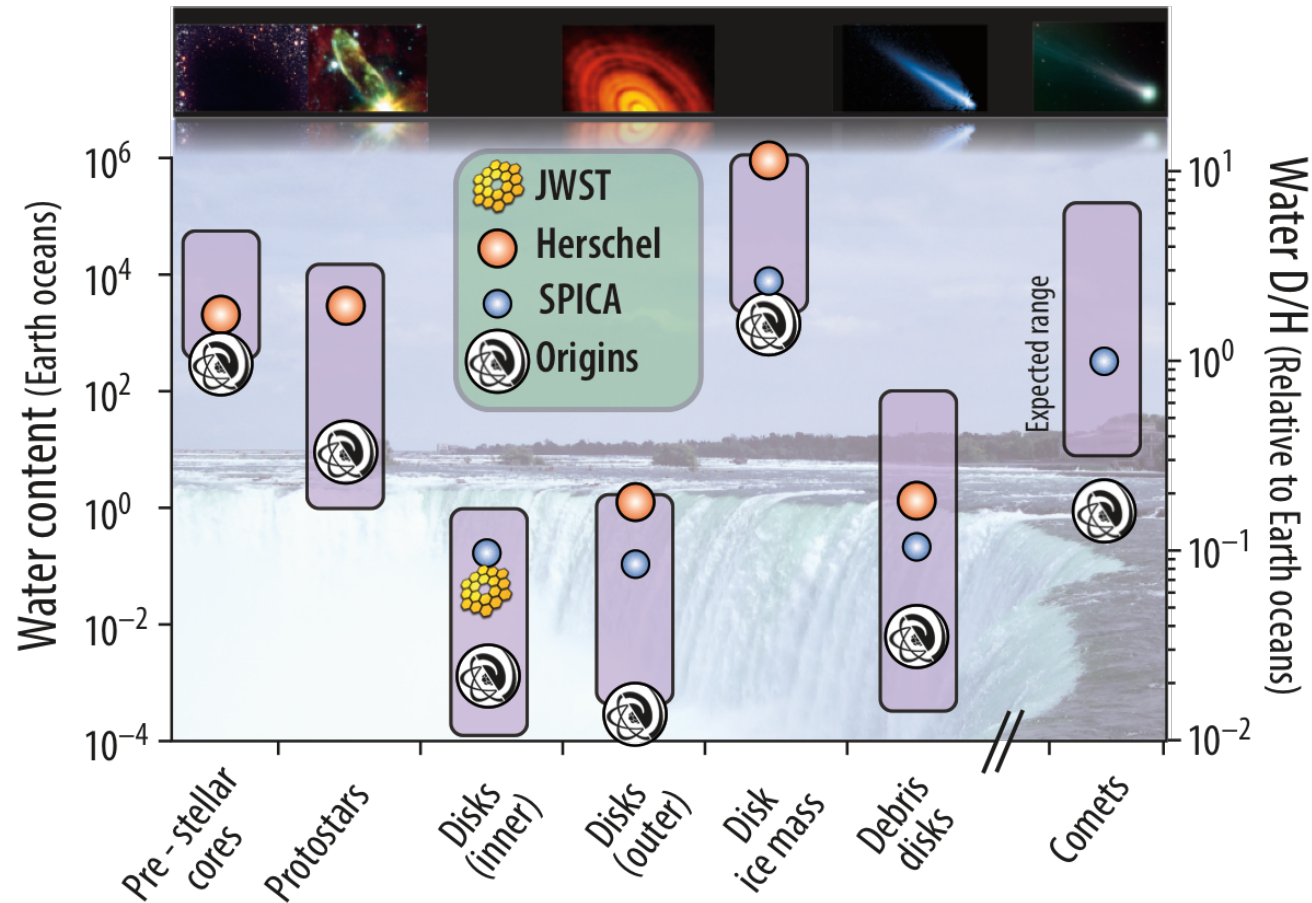


How did Earth get its water?



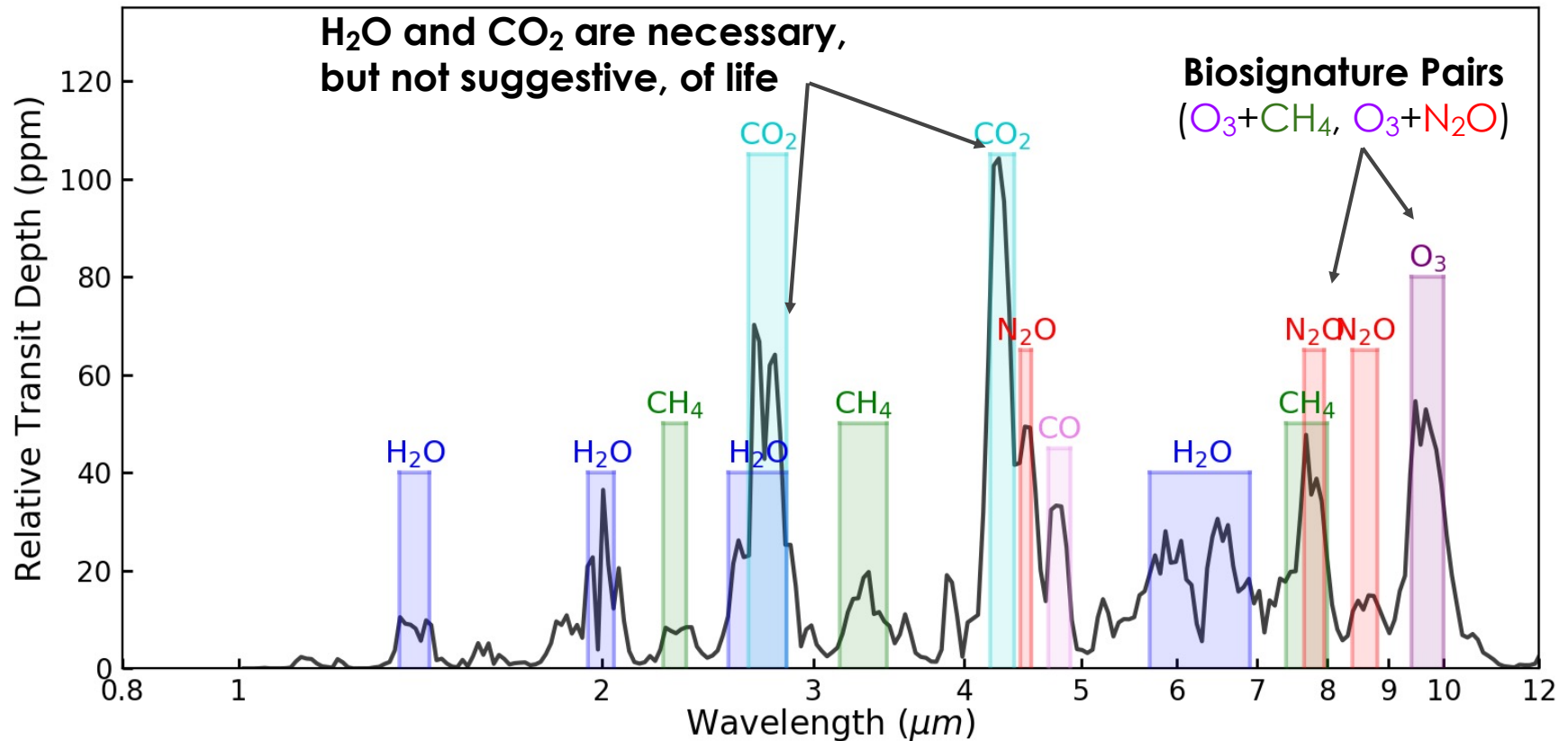


Origins definitive measurements of water trail



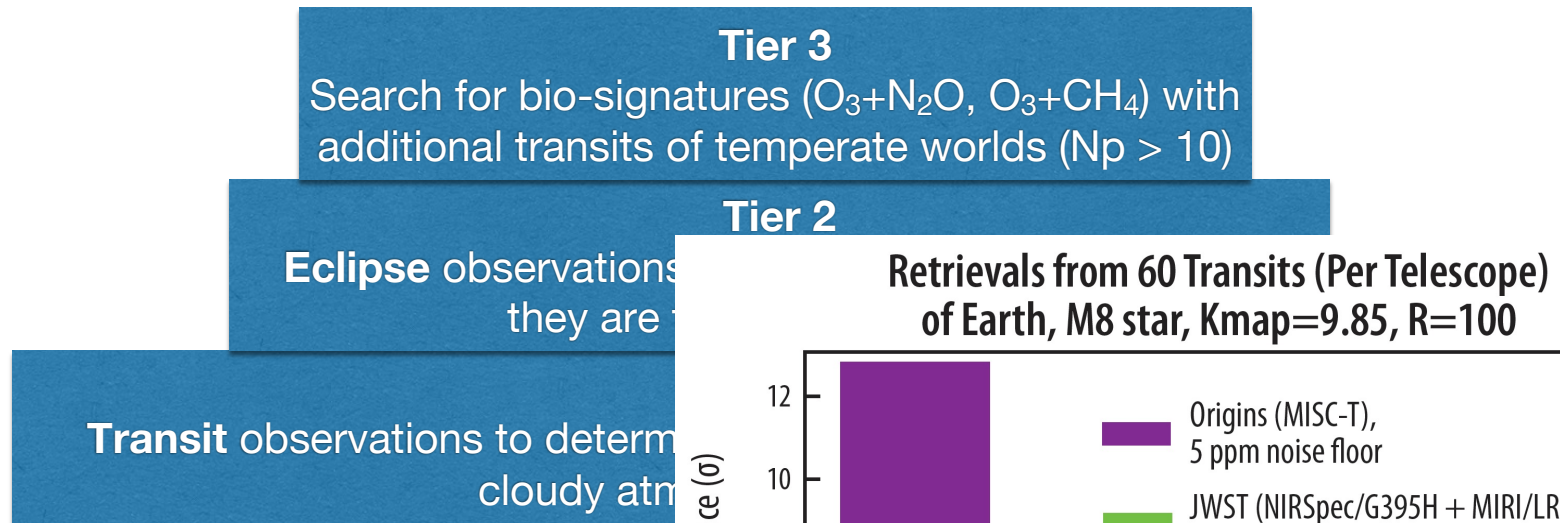


Origins: IR wavelengths rich in biologically interesting molecules

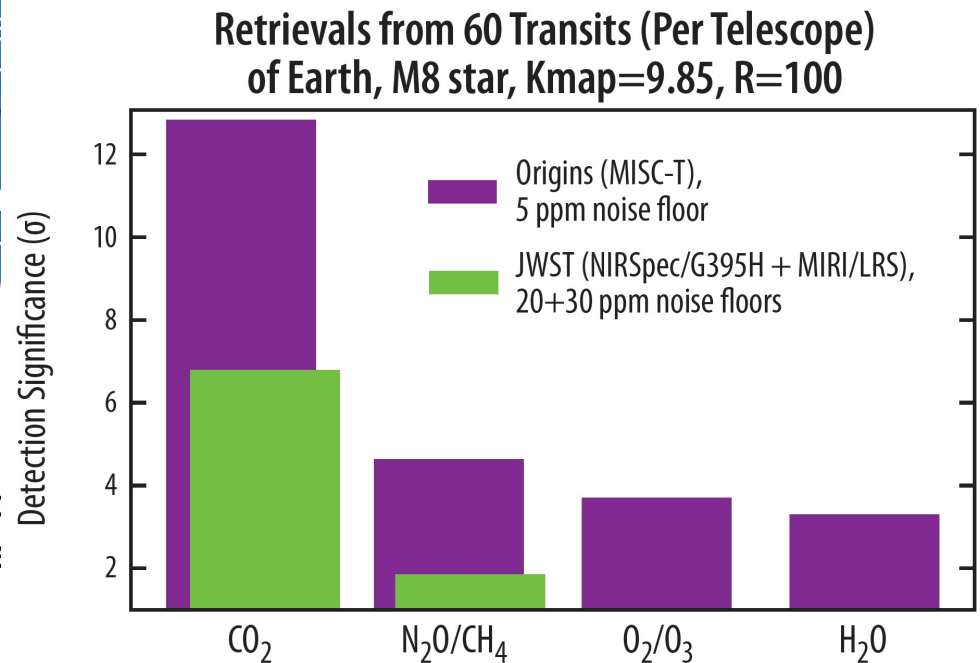




Origins will use a multi-tiered strategy to **search for life**



Pre-select terrestrial M-dwarf planets based on:
(i) Relative rank based on suitability for detailed observations
(ii) Relative rank based on suitability for detailed observations
(iii) Pre-Origins observations with JWST, ELTs and other facilities



Are We Alone?

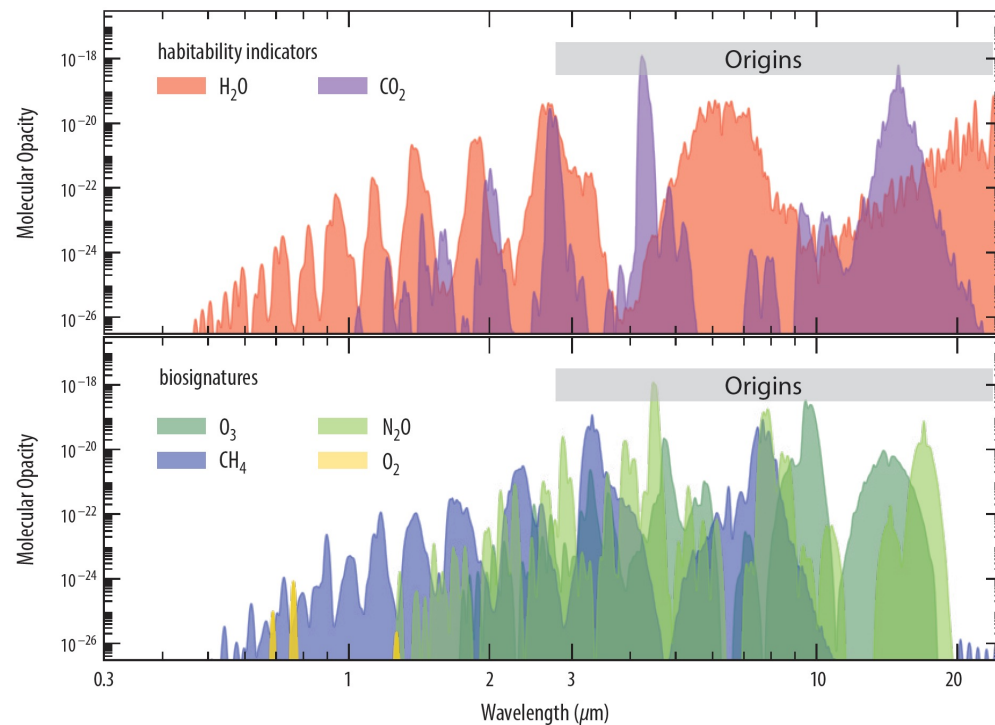


Figure 1-43: Molecular opacities of relevant habitability indicator (top) and biosignature (bottom) gases in the mid-infrared. *Origins* is sensitive to multiple bands for each molecular species, which is critical in breaking degeneracies between overlapping spectral signatures.

5 μm

10 μm

20 μm



Exoplanet Science Strategy Report supports *Origins*

- A cooled near-to-far infrared (IR) mission such as the Origins Space Telescope (*Origins*) would advance exoplanet science both by providing inputs to the study of planet formation through investigations of protoplanetary disks and by allowing planetary atmospheric characterization via the transit method.
- For the study of protoplanetary disks, the committee considers such a mission to be potentially ***transformative given its far-IR coverage***. High spectral resolution investigation of water lines would allow study of the spatial distribution of water across disks. Measurements of hydrogen deuteride (HD) lines would allow direct measurement of hydrogen masses of disks. Both would provide important information about the conditions under which planets form.
- Finding: The combination of transiting planet detection with TESS, mass measurements with radial velocities, and atmospheric characterization with JWST will be transformative for understanding the nature and origins of close-in planets. Future space missions with broader wavelength coverage, a larger collecting area, or reduced instrumental noise compared to JWST would have greater reach to potentially habitable planets.



Exoplanet Science Strategy Report

- For the direct study of exoplanets, *Origins'* primary strength is in atmospheric characterization through transit spectroscopy in both primary and secondary eclipse. Like JWST, *Origins'* mid-IR wavelength coverage allows secondary eclipse measurements to probe thermal emission from temperate atmospheres and detect a variety of key molecules using transmission and emission spectroscopy. Given sensitivity constraints, *Origins* would be able to characterize terrestrial-size planets in the liquid water habitable zone around mid- to late M-dwarfs but not around earlier-type stars, including Sun-like stars.
- The currently proposed aperture, spectral resolution, and wavelength coverage of *Origins* do not differ substantially from JWST, and thus improvements over JWST in *Origins'* ability to characterize atmospheres are primarily predicated on an improved instrumental noise floor. Since detector stability for transit spectroscopy was not a technology driver for JWST's design, such an improvement is plausible, but not guaranteed.
- The committee is excited about exploring the atmospheres of terrestrial planets in the habitable zones of M dwarfs. These planets may host life and, given the large of abundance of M dwarfs, may even be the most common habitable environments.....the habitable zone of M dwarfs might not in fact be a habitable environment given its extreme exposure to high-energy stellar irradiation.